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15 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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17 TIFFANI ANDREWS, an
18 individual, BACIU FAMILY LLC, a
19 California limited liability company,
20 ROBERT BOYDSTON, an
21 individual, CAPTAIN JACK'S
22 SANTA BARBARA TOURS, LLC,
23 a California limited liability
24 company, MORGAN
25 CASTAGNOLA, an individual,
26 CRAB COWBOYS, LLC, a
27 California limited liability company,
28 THE EAGLE FLEET, LLC, a
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7 **CLASS ACTION**

8 **PLAINTIFFS' CORRECTED
9 CONSOLIDATED SECOND
10 AMENDED COMPLAINT**

11 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

1 dated 8/5/1998, JIM GUELKER, an
2 individual, JACQUES HABRA, an
3 individual, ISURF, LLC, a
4 California limited liability company,
5 MARK KIRKHART, an individual,
6 MARY KIRKHART, an individual,
7 JAMIE KLEIN, an individual,
8 RICHARD LILYGREN, an
9 individual, HWA HONG MUH, an
10 individual, OCEAN ANGEL IV,
11 LLC, a California limited liability
12 company, PACIFIC RIM
13 FISHERIES, INC, a California
14 corporation, SARAH RATHBONE,
15 an individual, COMMUNITY
SEAFOOD LLC, a California
limited liability company, SANTA
BARBARA UNI, INC., a California
corporation, SOUTHERN CAL
SEAFOOD, INC., a California
corporation, TRACTIDE MARINE
CORP., a California corporation,
WEI INTERNATIONAL
TRADING INC., a California
corporation and STEPHEN
WILSON, an individual,
individually and on behalf of others
similarly situated,

16 Plaintiffs,
v.

17 PLAINS ALL AMERICAN
18 PIPELINE, L.P., a Delaware limited
19 partnership, PLAINS PIPELINE,
L.P., a Texas limited partnership,
and JOHN DOES 1 through 10,

20 Defendants.

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I. INTRODUCTION

2 Plaintiffs Keith Andrews, Tiffani Andrews, Baciu Family, LLC, Robert
3 Boydston, Captain Jack's Santa Barbara Tours, LLC, Morgan Castagnola, Crab
4 Cowboys, LLC, The Eagle Fleet LLC, Zachary Frazier, Mike Gandall, Alexandra
5 B. Geremia, Jim Guelker, Jacques Habra, iSurf, LLC, Mark Kirkhart, Mary
6 Kirkhart, Jamie Klein, Richard Lilygren, Hwa Hong Muh, Ocean Angel IV, LLC,
7 Pacific Rim Fisheries, Inc., Sarah Rathbone, Community Seafood LLC, Santa
8 Barbara Uni, Inc., Southern Cal Seafood, Inc., TracTide Marine Corp., Wei
9 International Trading Inc., and Stephen Wilson (collectively "Plaintiffs"),
10 individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, allege the following
11 against Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., Plains Pipeline, L.P., and John Does 1
12 through 10 ("Defendants" or "Plains"), based where applicable on personal
13 knowledge, information and belief, and the investigation and research of counsel.

II. NATURE OF THE ACTION

15 1. On the morning of May 19, 2015, a 10-mile long, 24-inch wide oil
16 pipeline in Santa Barbara County, California known as Line 901, owned and
17 operated by Defendants, ruptured. For Defendants, ruptured pipelines are nothing
18 new; since 2006, federal agencies have cited them for over 175 safety and
19 maintenance violations. What makes this failure different, however, is that this
20 pipeline runs along the edge of the Pacific Ocean, and the rupture sent tens of
21 thousands of gallons of toxic crude oil flowing over some of California's most
22 beautiful beaches and into its pristine waters.

23 2. Before Defendants shut off Line 901, it had discharged crude oil in an
24 amount initially estimated by Plains to be over 100,000 gallons, and then
25 recalculated to be more than 140,000 gallons. Oil coated the shoreline and clung to
26 rocks, sand, wild animals, and marine life. Oil floated out to sea, creating a slick
27 that stretched for miles, contaminating several State Marine Conservation Areas
28 along the way. The spill forced the closure of beaches and fertile fishing grounds,

1 including a variety of shellfish and fishing operations, and damaged coastal private
 2 properties.

3 3. These waters are home to hundreds of sensitive animal species, and
 4 serve as the backbone of the local economy. Tourists come to these beaches to
 5 enjoy the unspoiled sand and water. Additionally, people support themselves and
 6 their families by harvesting fish, squid, and shellfish from these waters. The
 7 beachfront properties along the Central Coast of California, like coastal properties
 8 throughout the state, are highly valuable. The property owners enjoy the unspoiled
 9 sand and water, direct access to fishing, surfing, kayaking, and other activities. The
 10 oil fields below these waters also provide many local jobs for workers in offshore
 11 and onshore oil and gas operations, and a lucrative market for small business that
 12 support the oil companies.

13 4. This depressingly familiar story could have been averted had
 14 Defendants adequately maintained Line 901, making it less susceptible to corrosion
 15 and rupture, installed an automatic shut-off valve on the pipeline, or properly
 16 responded to the rupture of Line 901.

17 5. Regular maintenance of pipelines is a crucial step that owners of
 18 pipelines must take in order to avoid exactly the disaster that occurred with Line
 19 901. Line 901 was severely corroded prior to the spill, and in fact had thinned to
 20 just 1/16 of an inch in places. Additionally, Defendants had repaired three parts of
 21 Line 901 adjacent to the rupture, indicating that they were aware of corrosion, knew
 22 how to address it, but simply failed to do so. Moreover, Defendants also failed to
 23 maintain their pipeline known as Line 903 (a 30-inch diameter pipeline connecting
 24 to Line 901 and extending approximately 128 miles to Kern County). Defendants
 25 control both Line 901 and Line 903 (together, the “Pipeline”) from their control
 26 room in Midland, Texas.

27 6. Automatic shut-off valves, which the Pipeline lacked, are not new or
 28 novel; they are ubiquitous on pipelines across the country. In fact, the Pipeline is

1 the only pipeline of its kind in Santa Barbara County without this key safety
2 feature. The absence of an automatic shut-off system on the Pipeline is no accident.
3 When Defendants, through their predecessor in interest, built the Pipeline in 1987,
4 Santa Barbara County demanded that they install such a shut-off system and allow
5 the County to inspect the welds on the pipeline. Rather than doing the responsible
6 thing and installing safety systems and protocols, as all the other pipeline owners in
7 the area did, Defendants sued, arguing that the County lacked the authority to force
8 them to install an automatic shut-off system or inspect their pipeline. As a result,
9 the Pipeline has no automatic shut-off system, and more than 140,000 gallons of
10 crude oil polluted the waters and beaches on which the people and wildlife of this
11 region depend. Even now, after the spill, Plains has publicly announced that it will
12 not install automatic shutoff valves.

13 7. Plaintiffs bring this action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
14 23 on their own behalves and as representatives of others similarly situated to
15 recover significant economic losses they have incurred and will continue to incur
16 because of Defendants' oil spill.

III. PARTIES

18 8. Plaintiffs Keith and Tiffani Andrews are residents and citizens of
19 Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo County, California.

20 9. Plaintiff Baciu Family, LLC is a California limited liability company
21 that owns coastal property in Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California.

22 10. Plaintiff Robert Boydston is a resident and citizen of Santa Maria,
23 Santa Barbara County, California.

24 11. Plaintiff Captain Jack's Santa Barbara Tours, LLC is a California
25 limited liability company doing business in Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County,
26 California.

27 12. Plaintiff Morgan Castagnola is a resident and citizen of Santa
28 Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California.

1 13. Plaintiff Crab Cowboys, LLC is a California limited liability company
2 doing business in Ventura, Ventura County, California.

3 14. Plaintiff The Eagle Fleet LLC is a California limited liability
4 company with its principal place of business in Salinas, Monterey County,
5 California.

6 15. Plaintiff Zachary Frazier is a resident and citizen of Bakersfield, Kern
7 County, California.

8 16. Plaintiff Mike Gandall is a resident and citizen of Goleta, Santa
9 Barbara County, California.

10 17. Plaintiff Alexandra B. Geremia is a resident and citizen of Santa
11 Ynez, Santa Barbara County, California.

12 18. Plaintiff Jim Guelker is a resident and citizen of Los Osos, San Luis
13 Obispo County, California.

14 19. Plaintiff Jacques Habra is a resident and citizen of Santa Barbara,
15 Santa Barbara County, California.

16 20. Plaintiff iSurf, LLC is a California limited liability company doing
17 business in Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California.

18 21. Plaintiffs Mark and Mary Kirkhart are residents and citizens of
19 Montecito, Santa Barbara County, California.

20 22. Plaintiff Jamie Klein is a resident and citizen of San Clemente,
21 Orange County, California.

22 23. Plaintiff Richard Lilygren is a resident and citizen of Santa Maria,
23 Santa Barbara County, California.

24 24. Plaintiff Hwa Hong Muh is a resident and citizen of Santa Barbara,
25 Santa Barbara County, California.

26 25. Plaintiff Ocean Angel IV, LLC is a California limited liability
27 company doing business in Watsonville, Santa Cruz Santa County, California.

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1 26. Plaintiff Pacific Rim Fisheries, Inc. is a California corporation doing
2 business in Camarillo, Ventura County, California.

3 27. Plaintiff Sarah Rathbone is a resident and citizen of Goleta, Santa
4 Barbara County, California, and the sole member of Community Seafood, LLC, a
5 California limited liability company doing business in Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara
6 County, California.

7 28. Plaintiff Santa Barbara Uni, Inc. is a California corporation doing
8 business in Oxnard, Ventura County, California.

9 29. Plaintiff Southern Cal Seafood, Inc. is a California corporation doing
10 business in Camarillo, Ventura County, California.

11 30. Plaintiff TracTide Marine Corp. is a California corporation
12 headquartered and with its principal place of business in Port Hueneme, Ventura
13 County, California.

14 31. Plaintiff Wei International Trading Inc. is a California corporation
15 doing business in El Monte, Los Angeles County, California.

16 32. Plaintiff Stephen Wilson is a resident and citizen of Atascadero, San
17 Luis Obispo County, California.

18 33. Defendant Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. is a limited partnership
19 formed in Delaware with its headquarters and principal place of business in
20 Houston, Texas. Under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (“CAFA”), 28 U.S.C.
21 § 1332(d)(10), Defendant Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., an unincorporated
22 association, is therefore a citizen of Delaware and Texas.

23 34. Defendant Plains All American operates through or on behalf of: PAA
24 GP LLC, a limited liability company formed in Delaware with its headquarters and
25 principal place of business in Houston, Texas; Plains AAP, L.P. (“AAP”), a limited
26 partnership formed in Delaware with its headquarters and principal place of
27 business in Houston, Texas, that is the sole member of PAA GP LLC; Plains All
28 American GP LLC (“GP LLC”), a limited liability company formed in Delaware

1 with its headquarters and principal place of business in Houston, Texas; Plains GP
 2 Holdings, L.P. (“PAGP”), a limited partnership formed in Delaware with its
 3 headquarters and principal place of business in Houston, Texas, that is the sole
 4 member of GP LLC; and PAA GP Holdings LLC, a limited liability company
 5 formed in Delaware with its headquarters in Houston, Texas, that is the general
 6 partner of PAGP. As each of these entities are unincorporated associations,
 7 pursuant to CAFA, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(10), they are each citizens of Delaware and
 8 Texas.

9 35. Defendant Plains Pipeline, L.P. is a limited partnership formed in
 10 Texas with its headquarters and principal place of business in Houston, Texas.
 11 Plains Pipeline, L.P. is a subsidiary of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. Pursuant
 12 to CAFA, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(10), Defendant Plains Pipeline, L.P., an
 13 unincorporated association, is therefore a citizen of Texas.

14 36. On information and belief, Defendants John Does 1 through 10, are
 15 corporations or partnerships, the names and addresses of which are currently
 16 unknown.

17 37. Defendants own and operate the Pipeline, a crude oil pipeline system
 18 which, until shut down following the Line 901 rupture, had been approved to
 19 transport crude oil from ExxonMobil’s Santa Ynez field at Las Flores and crude oil
 20 from the Freeport-McMoRan-operated Point Arguello field at Gaviota. In addition,
 21 and unknown until testing was performed after the spill, the Pipeline also carried –
 22 and Line 901 spilled – toxic chemicals known to pose severe threats to human
 23 health and marine life, including but not limited to, Ethylbenzene, Toluene, Xylene,
 24 and Naphthalene, as further detailed below.

25 **IV. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

26 38. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to CAFA, 28
 27 U.S.C. § 1332(d), because at least one class member is of diverse citizenship from
 28 one defendant; there are more than 100 class members; and the aggregate amount in

controversy exceeds \$5 million, exclusive of interest and costs.

39. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because they are registered to conduct business in California, and have sufficient minimum contacts with California.

40. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred and/or emanated from this District, and because Defendants have caused harm to Class members residing in this District.

V. FACTS

A. The Gaviota Coast

41. The Gaviota Coast, north of Santa Barbara, is a special place. Its blue waters and beautiful coastline are home to an abundance of life, including critical populations of endangered Snowy Plovers, seals, migrating whales, and myriad of fish. For those reasons, the area is often called North America's Galapagos.

42. Because of its natural bounty and beauty, as long as people have lived in North America, they have lived on the Gaviota Coast. Today, the economic life in this region revolves around its waters and beaches. Thousands of people in Santa Barbara County depend on the ocean and beaches for their jobs: fishing, tourism, and recreation in the region rely on them. Beachfront property owners enjoy direct access to blue waters and magnificent coastline, and residents walk the beaches, fish from the shores, swim, surf, kayak and use and enjoy their properties.

43. Santa Barbara's port has the highest earnings in the state for red sea urchin, California spiny lobster, red rock crab, yellow rock crab, giant red sea cucumber, white seabass, and grass rockfish. The Santa Barbara area is also considered to be the backbone of California's squid fishing industry. The annual ex-vessel value of the catch coming into Santa Barbara's harbor is approximately \$10 million, and the commercial value of the area closed by Plains' oil spill alone was nearly \$20 million, and over 35 million pounds, over the last decade.

1 44. Now contamination by Defendants' oil spill has undermined the
 2 health of the environment, real property and local market for jobs and small
 3 businesses on which that economy depends.

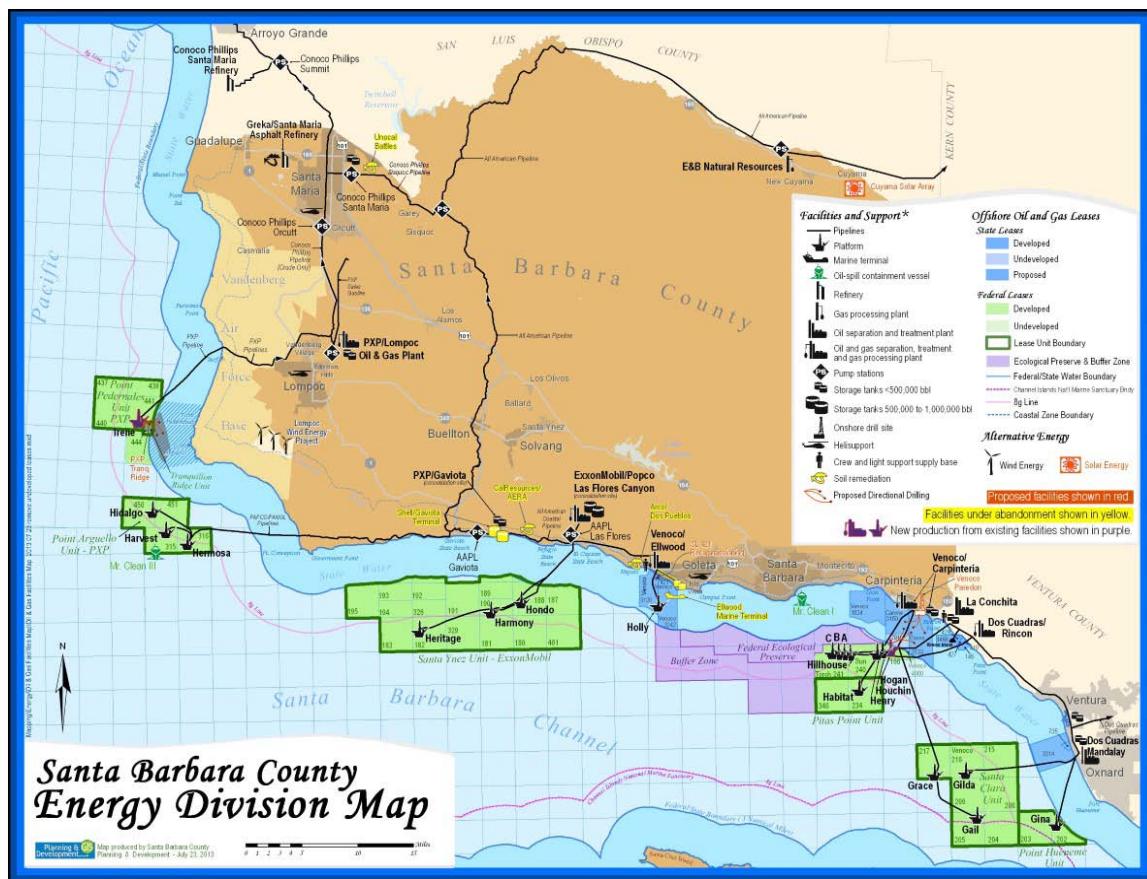
4 45. Threats to the Gaviota Coast and Santa Barbara's environment and
 5 economy from oil development are not new. In 1969, a blowout at Union Oil's off-
 6 shore drill rig sent millions of gallons of oil into the waters and onto the beaches of
 7 Santa Barbara County. The blowout killed thousands of birds, dolphins, fish, and
 8 other marine life. The litigation that followed effectively led to the birth of the
 9 environmental movement and legislation to protect the environment and the public
 10 from oil and gas operations on and off shore.

11 46. Despite that disaster, the oil industry has only continued to grow in
 12 and around Santa Barbara County. Today, however, governments and some
 13 companies have taken significant steps to make the production and transportation of
 14 crude oil safer and more reliable. Defendants, on the other hand, are notable for
 15 their track record of doing otherwise.

16 **B. The Failure of Defendants' Pipeline**

17 47. Line 901 runs along the edge of the Pacific Ocean, transporting, when
 18 operational, up to 6,300,000 gallons of oil per day between Gaviota and Las Flores,
 19 California. The route takes the pipeline through many private properties and past
 20 several state parks and beaches, including Refugio State Beach, carrying crude from
 21 offshore Heritage, Harmony, and Hondo platforms inland, and from there to
 22 refineries in Southern California. Line 901 delivers all of its crude oil to Line 903
 23 at the Gaviota Pumping Station.

24 48. Line 903 then picks up crude oil delivered from the Hidalgo, Harvest
 25 and Hermosa platforms which are located off Point Arguello, and continues on its
 26 128-mile run north and inland to the east, to the Emidio Station. Defendants'
 27 Pipeline is shown in the below map published by the Santa Barbara County Energy
 28 Division.



49. On the morning of May 19, 2015, at approximately 10:55 a.m., Line 901 ruptured on private property near Refugio State Beach, spilling toxic oil onto the beach and into the Pacific Ocean.

50. As oil poured out of the ruptured pipe, neighbors and beachgoers became overwhelmed by the smell of oil. At approximately 11:30 a.m. the Santa Barbara County Fire Department responded to reports of the odors, and arrived to find oil flowing freely from the pipeline, through a storm drain under Highway 101, across the beach, and into the Pacific Ocean. Oil continued to spill from the pipeline until approximately 3 p.m. Line 901 continued to operate for more than 30 minutes after its initial rupture.

51. Initially, the oil covered the beach and rocks just below the failed pipe. But once it reached the water, the oil quickly spread, travelling for miles out to sea. The oil fouled beaches for miles in each direction, spreading along the

1 shoreline, and washed up on nearby properties. As of June 8, 2015, the spill had
 2 impacted up to 50 miles of shoreline along the Central Coast. By June 22, 2015,
 3 Defendants confirmed that their oil has washed up in identifiable tarballs on
 4 Manhattan Beach, 130 miles south of Santa Barbara. Subsequently, tarballs
 5 matching Plains oil washed up on Orange County beaches. It is presently unknown
 6 how far north the oil spill has traveled.

7 52. While the precise timeline of events is still unknown, it appears that
 8 Defendants did not promptly act to respond to signs of the pipeline's failure or
 9 notify relevant government agencies. As California's two United States senators
 10 stated in a letter to Defendants, "we are concerned that Plains Pipeline may not
 11 have detected this spill or reported it to federal officials as quickly as possible, and
 12 that these delays could have exacerbated the extent of the damage to the
 13 environment." The senators called Defendants' response "insufficient."

14 53. Indeed, as reported by the *Los Angeles Times*, it appears that "chaos
 15 and delay marked the initial hours after [the] pipeline burst." According to
 16 Defendants' response to the senators' letter, Plains personnel were unable to timely
 17 notify federal spill response officials or communicate with other Plains
 18 representatives due to in part "distractions" at the spill site. Defendants' on-site
 19 employee was reduced to using a shovel to try to build a berm to contain the spill.

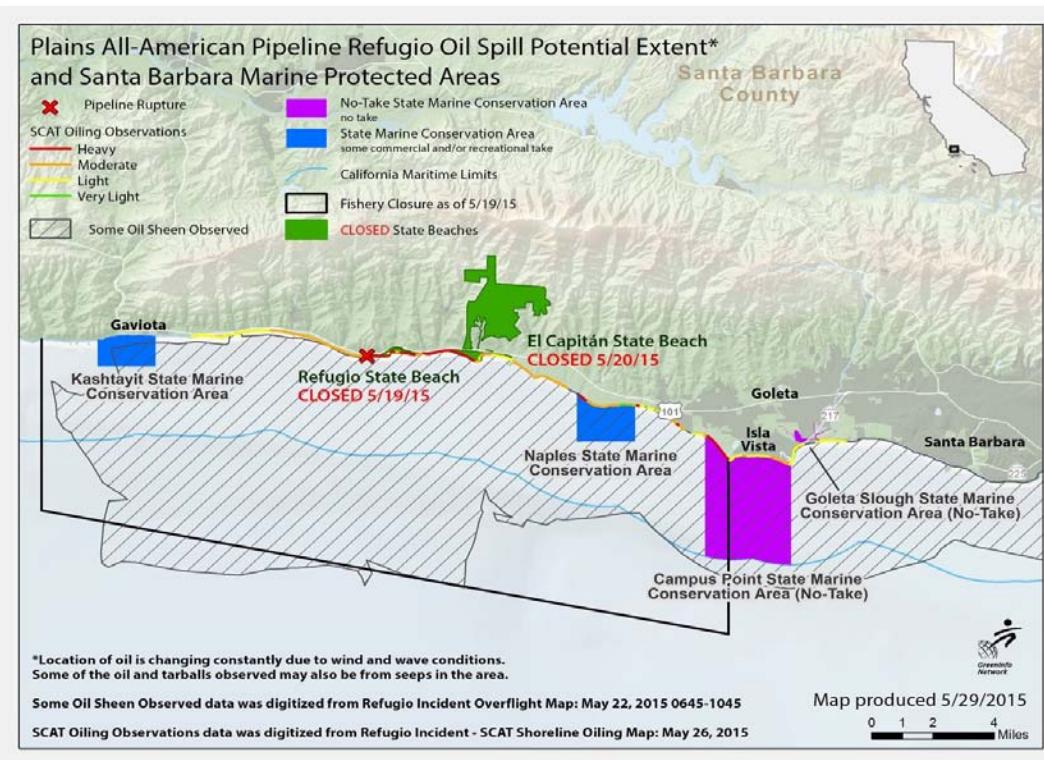
20 54. According to federal investigators, one of Plains' representatives told
 21 officials who first responded to reports of an oil spill that he did not think it came
 22 from Line 901, which is on the opposite side of the highway from the ocean. In fact,
 23 it was several hours before Defendants officially notified local, state, or federal spill
 24 response officials, even though Defendants' representatives were conducting a spill
 25 response drill nearby *that very morning*.

26 55. Witnesses who visited Refugio State Beach on the night of the spill
 27 reported little or no response. Even the next day, as professional clean-up crews
 28 began responding to the oil contaminating Refugio State Beach, the response efforts

1 at other nearby beaches were left to volunteers with little or no training or
 2 protective equipment, some using nothing but shovels and five-gallon buckets in
 3 attempts to remove thousands of gallons of crude oil from the sand and sea.

4 56. That apparently delayed and inadequate response runs contrary to
 5 Defendants' oil spill response plan, which, as reported by the *New York Times*, had
 6 assured state regulators that a spill from Line 901 was "extremely unlikely" because
 7 of its state-of-the-art monitoring system. Defendants also assured regulators that it
 8 would take no longer than 15 minutes to discover and shut off the source of any
 9 spill. In fact, Defendants continued to operate Line 901 for more than 30 minutes
 10 after it initially ruptured, and waited hours before officially notifying federal
 11 responders of the rupture.

12 57. Despite the efforts of volunteers and professional responders, the spill
 13 affected numerous Marine Protected Areas that provide vital breeding and feeding
 14 grounds for marine species, as shown in this map prepared by the GreenInfo
 15 Network:



1 58. As the oil spread, so did its terrible consequences. Hundreds of fish,
 2 birds, and marine mammals died after being covered in oil or exposed to the oil's
 3 toxic compounds. Tar balls and oil sheen from Defendants' oil spill fouled beaches
 4 far to the south and east of Refugio, including beaches in Santa Barbara, Ventura,
 5 Los Angeles, and Orange Counties. Frisbee-sized "oil pancakes" drifted into the
 6 waters of Channel Islands National Park.

7 59. Those are just some of the visible harms, relatively easy to see and
 8 tally. Beneath the ocean's surface, however, a largely unseen catastrophe continues
 9 to unfold. As the oil spread through the tides and currents, it likely suffocated
 10 marine life, and otherwise seeped into the aquatic food chain through shellfish and
 11 plankton, thereby contaminating seafood that could reach, and potentially harm, the
 12 public. Numerous dead bass, lobsters, crabs, octopi and other species that live
 13 beneath the surface offshore washed up on area beaches through late June. This
 14 carnage will affect generations of marine life, particularly for those species for
 15 whom the affected area was a breeding habitat.

16 60. In Santa Barbara, these environmental impacts translate to profound
 17 economic impacts. In the short term, the oil from Defendants' ruptured pipeline
 18 closed fishing grounds and shellfish areas, and caused many cancelled reservations
 19 from tourists who otherwise would have spent their money on hotels, restaurants,
 20 kayaking or surf trips, fishing charters, and retail shopping. The spill polluted
 21 coastal private properties and impaired the ability of property owners to use and
 22 enjoy their land.

23 61. For example, state officials closed key coastal fishing areas from
 24 Canada de Alegria to Coal Oil Point, including the shoreline and offshore areas
 25 between those points to 6 miles offshore. The spill's impacts on the region's
 26 fisheries will continue far into the future. Also, the negative publicity from the spill
 27 has and will continue to deter seafood buyers from seeking out Santa Barbara
 28 seafood.

1 62. The spill has also discouraged tourists from visiting businesses in
 2 Santa Barbara County, where tourism (along with agriculture and wine) accounts
 3 for roughly 15 percent of the workforce, or over 36,000 jobs. For example, one
 4 local kayaking company reported 25 cancellations following the spill, resulting in a
 5 loss of approximately \$3,000. Two popular state beaches—Refugio and El
 6 Capitan—were closed during busy holiday weekends, and remained closed until
 7 July 17, 2015 and June 26, 2015, respectively. Notices like that pictured below
 8 were posted online, to explain the closures.

9 On May 19, 2015, a privately owned crude oil pipeline ruptured, causing an oil spill within and around
 10 Refugio State Beach. State beaches affected by this incident include Refugio and El Capitan near Goleta.

11 **Both beaches are closed until further notice.**

12 Camping reservations have been cancelled through July 9th, 2015 in an effort to expedite clean-up
 efforts. Campers with reservation during this time will be provided a full refund through Reserve America.

13 Visitors wanting to find alternative overnight camping opportunities should contact a Reserve America
 representative at 1-800-444-7275 to locate campgrounds nearby.

14 For current beach areas open for day use during the holiday weekend in Santa Barbara and Ventura
 counties, visitors should call (805) 585-1850. This site will be updated with information when made
 available. We apologize for any inconvenience.

15 http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=603

17 63. The spill also caused an immediate impact on the livelihood of local
 18 workers and small businesses that support the oil industry. Following the spill, oil
 19 and gas workers across the region were laid off from their jobs offshore and
 20 onshore as platforms and processing facilities related to the Pipeline shut down.
 21 Likewise, small businesses that support the oil industry saw their revenues
 22 plummet. These workers and entities depended on Plains' Pipeline, and Plains
 23 likewise depended on them to provide oil that was transported through the Pipeline.
 24 Now, workers and small business have lost lucrative jobs and had their economic
 25 relationships greatly impaired, and Plains has refused to pay their claims.

26 64. Finally, the oil spill presented a serious risk to human life. The Santa
 27 Barbara County Health Department recommended that residents avoid all areas
 28 affected by the spill, but a major highway runs through and adjacent to the spill

1 area. The County called Refugio Beach a “Hazmat area.” The County also warned
 2 that direct contact with oil, inhalation of fumes, or ingestion of contaminated fish or
 3 shellfish can cause skin irritation, nausea, vomiting, and other illnesses.

4 65. Following the spill, the group Water Defense collected oil and water
 5 samples to test for chemicals that could be harmful to the public. Those tests
 6 confirmed several toxic chemicals known to pose severe threats to human health
 7 and marine life were present in Defendants’ oil spill, including Ethylbenzene,
 8 Toluene, Xylene, and Naphthalene. Those test results also confirmed the presence
 9 of Glutaraldehyde, a biocide used in drilling, fracking, and acidizing injections.
 10 Defendants released those chemicals onto the beach and into the Pacific Ocean,
 11 contaminating ocean waters and threatening human and marine life.

12 66. Long term, the impacts may be as-yet-unknown, but they are no less
 13 certain. Even with the best spill response, toxic oil will remain in the environment
 14 for a long time, continuing to harm the environment. Recently, five years after the
 15 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, officials assessing the damage
 16 to that ecosystem said “the environmental effects of this spill is likely to last for
 17 generations.” This spill, too, may cause long-lasting environmental and economic
 18 impacts.

19 67. The *Santa Barbara News-Press* reported that, as of late June, the
 20 “most tedious” portions of the clean-up area still remained uncleaned, and cleanup
 21 costs had exceeded \$92 million. As of that time, only 14,000 gallons of oily water
 22 had been collected, and approximately 300 oiled and dead mammals and birds had
 23 been collected. Hundreds more have been treated for various illnesses and/or
 24 injuries caused by Defendants’ oil spill.

25 C. **Plains Has a Long History of Recklessly Avoiding Installing Safety**
 26 **Equipment**

27 68. While this spill is a disaster, it is not an accident. Defendants
 28 wantonly disregarded the health and safety of the public and environment by

1 operating the Pipeline when they knew it did not have proper safety systems in
 2 place.

3 69. In 1987, when Defendants constructed the Pipeline, Santa Barbara
 4 County's Energy Division sought to ensure that it was constructed properly by,
 5 among other things, inspecting the welds on the pipeline using x-rays. The Division
 6 routinely inspects welds on new pipelines, as a way to ensure they are done
 7 correctly to reduce the risk of failure. The Division ordered Defendants to install an
 8 automatic shut-off valve system on the Pipeline to ensure it would shut down
 9 swiftly, without waiting for human action, at the first sign of a potential problem in
 10 the Pipeline.

11 70. Rather than agreeing to these commonplace and common-sense safety
 12 protocols, Defendants instead fought the County, suing it in U.S. District Court in
 13 1987 and arguing it lacked jurisdiction to regulate their pipeline design and
 14 installation.

15 71. As a result, the Pipeline is the only one in Santa Barbara County
 16 "whereby the county is preempted from monitoring and safety inspections," said
 17 (recently retired) Kevin Drude, Director of the County's Energy Division. Drude
 18 has publicly said that Defendants' employees rarely, if ever, attended monthly
 19 meetings that he held to discuss safety concerns with all the pipeline operators
 20 under his jurisdiction.

21 72. This refusal by Defendants to follow standard safety protocols
 22 directly contradicts their own pipeline safety protocol published on their website,
 23 which provides that "Plains All American Pipeline is committed to designing,
 24 constructing, operating, and maintaining its pipelines in a safe and reliable manner
 25 that will *meet or exceed minimum safety standards. . . .*" (Emphasis added).

26 73. Also as a consequence of its lawsuit against the County, Defendants
 27 operate the only pipeline of its type in the County without an automatic shut-off
 28 valve system. For those reasons, it is likely the only pipeline that is capable of

1 failing and discharging hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil.

2 74. According to federal regulators, Line 901 was severely corroded prior
 3 to the spill. Preliminary findings by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety
 4 Administration (PHMSA) in February 2016 (“Preliminary Findings”) show that an
 5 early May 2015 inspection of Line 901 revealed “extensive external corrosion,”
 6 noting that Line 901’s walls had been reduced by 54 to 74 percent of their original
 7 thickness. Additionally, Line 901 had been reduced to 1/16 of an inch at the area of
 8 the pipeline failure, the agency said. Defendants apparently repaired corrosion at
 9 three adjacent parts of Line 901 in recent years, suggesting they were aware of
 10 extent of the corrosion on the line. The agency found that continued operation of
 11 the entire Pipeline “would be hazardous to life, property, or the environment.”

12 75. PHMSA’s Preliminary Findings also show that data from Plains’ “in-
 13 line inspections” of Line 901 “show a growing number of corrosion anomalies on
 14 Line 901,” increasing from 12 areas of metal loss of 40 to 59 percent to 80 such
 15 areas by the month of the spill in May 2015. Based on that and other data, the
 16 agency concluded that “Plains’ existing corrosion system is not preventing external
 17 corrosion of the pipe under insulation.” Line 903 was likewise found to have
 18 corrosion characteristics consistent with the failure point of Line 901.

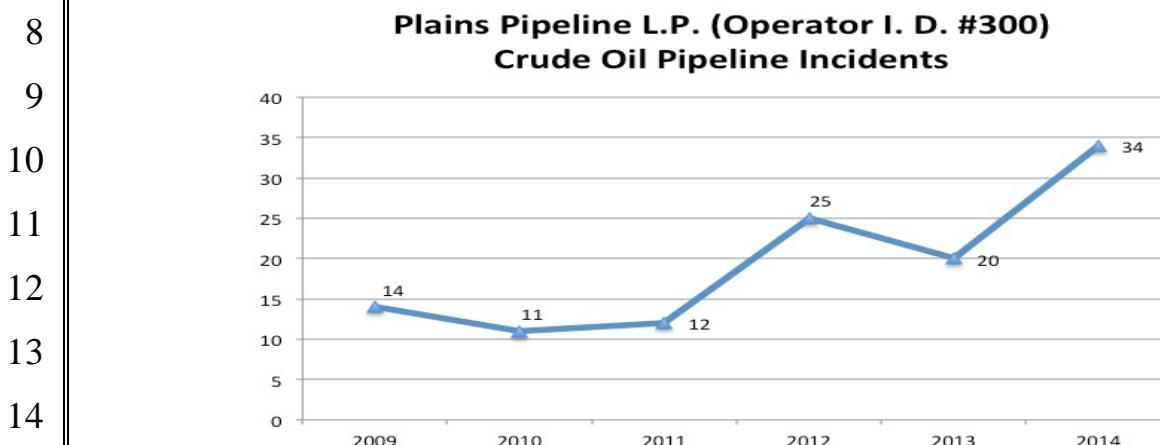
19 76. While California residents and the environment bore the risk, and now
 20 reality, of a catastrophic pipeline failure, Defendants have reaped rising profits,
 21 reported at roughly \$906 million on over \$23 billion in earnings in 2015¹. By
 22 avoiding the cost of safety equipment and systems, Defendants boosted their profits
 23 by transferring the cost of the Pipeline’s failure to people who live and work in the
 24 region.

25 77. The lax safety standards on the Pipeline are not isolated incidents for
 26 Defendants. Since 2006 Plains has been cited for over 175 violations of safety
 27 requirements, causing nearly \$24 million in property damage. Eleven of those

28 ¹ http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1070423/000110465916100030/a15-24557_110k.htm

1 incidents were in California. Plains is one of the top four most-cited pipeline
2 operators in the country.

3 78. Even more alarming is that, according to federal statistics analyzed by
4 the website The Smart Pig Blog, the “number of incidents on crude oil pipelines
5 operated by [Plains] . . . is increasing faster than the national average” by about
6 14%. The rapidly rising increase in incidents for pipelines operated by Plains is
7 shown in this chart:



16 79. In 2014, for example, a pipeline owned and operated by Defendants
17 ruptured in a Los Angeles neighborhood, covering streets, cars, houses, and
18 businesses in oil. The cause: a poorly maintained pipeline. A few years ago, another
19 poorly maintained Plains pipeline ruptured and sent oil into a drinking water
20 reservoir for Los Angeles.

21 80. In 2010, pursuant to a Consent Decree filed by the U.S. EPA
22 following numerous alleged violations of the Clean Water Act by Defendants in
23 several states, Defendants represented that they would update their procedures such
24 that “[i]f there is an unexplained increase in delivery flow-rate with corresponding
25 decrease in pressure – [Plains would] SHUTDOWN the affected line segment.”

26 81. As part of that settlement, Defendants paid a \$3.25 million penalty for
27 10 spills between June 2004 and September 2007 that discharged a total of roughly
28 273,420 gallons of crude oil into navigable waters or adjoining shorelines in Texas,

1 Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

2 82. Plains itself recently acknowledged in a disclosure report to the U.S.
 3 Securities and Exchange Commission that it has “experienced (*and likely will*
 4 *experience future*) releases of hydrocarbon products into the environment from our
 5 pipeline . . . operations” that “may reach surface water bodies.” (Emphasis added).

6 83. Indeed, less than two months after the rupture of Line 901, more than
 7 4,000 gallons of oil spilled from a pump station on Defendants’ Capwood Pipeline
 8 in Illinois, contaminating a nearby creek.

9 **D. On September 11, 2015 PHMSA Issued a Formal Notice of Probable**
 10 **Violation and Compliance Order Against Defendants in Light of a Long-**
standing Investigation

11 84. On August 19-22, 2013, September 16-19, 2013, and September 30-
 12 October 4, 2013, a PHMSA representative inspected Lines 901 and Line 903.
 13 Following those field inspections, PHMSA requested additional documentation and
 14 information pertaining to the Pipeline. This information was provided through June
 15 2014.

16 85. On September 11, 2015 PHMSA issued a formal notice of probable
 17 violation and compliance order (the “Notice”) against Defendants in light of its
 18 long-standing investigation.

19 86. In its Notice to Defendants, PHMSA stated that “as a result of the
 20 inspection, it appears that you have committed probable violations of the Pipeline
 21 Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations . . . These finding and
 22 probable violations were determined prior to the May 19, 2015 crude oil spill in
 23 Santa Barbara County, California.”

24 87. The Notice identifies six probable violations:

25 i. Failure to maintain adequate documentation of pressure tests as part of
 26 its baseline assessment plan for its seven breakout tanks at Pentland
 27 Station in Kern County, California and failure to present any evidence
 28 of past pressure tests performed on the breakout tanks to inspection

1 teams. While some evidence of testing from 1995 was ultimately
2 presented, these did not confirm that the tests were performed in
3 compliance with regulations;

4 ii. Failure to maintain adequate documentation of its preventative and
5 mitigative evaluations prior to the 2013 calendar year for at least two
6 different pipeline segments, and later stating that these records could
7 not be found;

8 iii. Failure to adequately document consideration of preventive and
9 mitigative measures nor explain why implementation of said measures
10 were not executed in “High Consequence Areas”;

11 iv. Failure to present adequate documentation its annual review of its
12 emergency response training program, resulting in an ability to
13 demonstrate an adequate review of training program objectives or the
14 decision-making process for changes made to emergency response
15 programs;

16 v. Failure to present adequate documentation that would demonstrate
17 that supervisors maintained a thorough knowledge of the portions of
18 the emergency response procedure for which they are responsible and
19 for which it is their job to ensure compliance; and

20 vi. Failure to maintain sufficient records to demonstrate that contractors
21 met the required qualifications.

22 88. In addition to the above probable violations, PHMSA also cited three
23 additional areas of safety concern:

24 i. Failure to fully discuss or document how tool tolerance was addressed
25 or how measured anomalies that deviated significantly from the size
26 predicted by the tool were addressed;

27 ii. Incomplete documentation of Management of Change for pressure
28 reduction; and

iii. Failure to comply with its responsibility to educate emergency response officials as part of its Public Awareness Program.

3 89. As a result of these findings, PHMSA issued a Proposed Compliance
4 Order demanding that Defendants take action to remediate the above probable
5 violations and safety concerns.²

6 90. Later that same day, the Associated Press reported on the Notice and
7 Proposed Compliance Order, quoting Robert Bea, a civil engineering professor at
8 University of California, Berkeley. Professor Bea, a former oil executive who has
9 studied spills, stated that, “In all the documentation I have reviewed concerning the
10 pipeline, I have never seen evidence of any advanced risk assessment and
11 management processes being used by Plains.”

12 91. The Associated Press further reported that Professor Bea said the
13 latest action by regulators speak to a weak culture of safety and inadequate efforts
14 to assess risk and prevent spills.

15 92. More recently, and as mentioned above, on February 17, 2016,
16 PHMSA issued “Preliminary Findings” on the pipeline failure. In addition to the
17 findings mentioned above, the agency found that:

- i. The Pipeline failed at an approximate pressure of 750 psig (pounds per square inch gauge) which is only 56% of the Maximum Operating Pressure;
- ii. The May 6, 2015 In Line Inspection survey did not accurately size the amount of external corrosion in the area of the release:

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² On November 12, 2015, PHMSA issued an amendment to the corrective action order. *See In the Matter of Plains Pipeline, LP, Respondent, CPF No. 5-2015-5011H, Amendment No. 2 to the Corrective Action Order, available at http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/pv_obj_cache/pv_obj_id_B5EF5CF4C40AED2ACB35EE030BDB5CFAD5B60400/filename/52015_5011H_Amendment_No2_Corrective_Action_Order.pdf.* That order explains that, contrary to common practice in the pipeline industry, Plains did not provide data from its field surveys of Line 901 to its in-line inspection vendor, and that based on PHMSA's investigation of Line 903 "it does not appear that Plains has an effective corrosion control program[.]"

1 iii. The In Line Inspection survey did not size corrosion anomalies
 2 consistently compared to field measurements of all anomalies
 3 investigated after the May 19th spill;
 4 iv. Plains' existing corrosion control system is not preventing external
 5 corrosion of the pipe under insulation.

6 93. The PHMSA investigation is continuing, with particular focus on
 7 metallurgical report review; the third-party root cause failure analysis; third-party
 8 analysis of the In Line Investigation surveys; complete analysis of the Plains
 9 control room including Controller actions; complete review and analysis of Plains
 10 Integrity Management Program; review of the adequacy of the placement and
 11 closure requirements of valves; need for additional pressure/flow monitoring
 12 devices; and investigation of the Plains Facility Response Plan.

13 94. Defendants have profited and continue to profit from their failure to
 14 comply with local, state, and federal safety requirements and guidelines, and their
 15 decision not to repair and/or replace the Pipeline demonstrates Defendants'
 16 willingness to prioritize profits over public safety.

17 95. Defendants knew of the extremely high risk of catastrophic injury
 18 inherent in the transportation of oil through a pipeline. Notwithstanding,
 19 Defendants took insufficient steps to prevent Line 901's rupture or protect Plaintiffs
 20 and the Class from injury. Indeed, Defendants actively avoided taking action to
 21 protect Plaintiffs and the Class from apparent risks the Pipeline presented.
 22 Defendants demonstrated a callous and reckless disregard for human life, health,
 23 and safety by operating the Pipeline without proper safety equipment.

24 96. This disregard for human life and safety is part of a pattern and
 25 practice that Defendants have demonstrated across the country. Defendants acted
 26 with such indifference to the consequences of their misconduct, with such
 27 recklessness, and as part of a well-established pattern, as to be willful, malicious,
 28 and oppressive, and in disregard of the rights of the Plaintiffs and the Class, thereby

meriting an award of punitive and/or exemplary damages against Defendants.

97. In short, Plains operates pipelines that fail. The communities through which it transports oil suffer the consequences.

98. This lawsuit therefore seeks to compensate the victims of the spill and to ensure that Defendants are prevented from causing additional damage to the state economy and environment in the future.

VI. PLAINTIFFS' FACTS

A. Plaintiffs Keith and Tiffani Andrews

99. Keith and Tiffani Andrews, husband and wife, are citizens of Santa Margarita, California. They have been fishing together for more than a decade.

100. Their boat, F/V Alamo, is a 1945 Monterey Trawler, built in Monterey, California, that sails from the Santa Barbara Harbor, as pictured below.



101. Although Keith and Tiffani Andrews fish for a variety of species in the area, including shrimp, their primary source of income is trawling for sea cucumbers in the waters off of Refugio State Beach.

1 102. Sea cucumbers are echinoderms, which puts them in the same genus
 2 as starfish. The Andrews primarily catch the California sea cucumber,
 3 *Parastichopus californicus*, also known as the giant red sea cucumber. Sea
 4 cucumbers, particularly those from Santa Barbara, are highly sought after in many
 5 Asian fish markets. Nearly the entire catch of Santa Barbara sea cucumbers is
 6 processed in California and then shipped to China, where they are sold at handsome
 7 prices.

8 103. Although sea cucumbers grow in waters around the world, people pay
 9 a premium for Santa Barbara sea cucumbers. Indeed, sea cucumbers from Santa
 10 Barbara County are among the top three most expensive varieties, and often
 11 individually packaged in wooden boxes for sale in specialty stores in China.

12 104. Defendants' oil spill could not have happened at a worse location for
 13 the Andrews.

14 105. The Andrews fish for sea cucumbers almost exclusively in the waters
 15 that were closed because of Defendants' oil spill. That now tainted area is the best
 16 habitat for sea cucumbers. Other than a small strip of sea just east of the formerly
 17 closed area, there are virtually no other places where the Andrews can fish for Santa
 18 Barbara sea cucumbers.

19 106. And, Defendants' oil spill could not have come at a worse time for the
 20 Andrews.

21 107. Sea cucumber season opened on June 16, 2015. During the season, the
 22 couple customarily trawls for sea cucumbers in the area closed by Plains' oil spill.
 23 Because of the spill, the Andrews were forced to confine their trawls to a narrow
 24 strip of water just east of the closed area.

25 108. Defendants' oil spill is already having a profound effect on the
 26 Andrews and their ability to do generate income. Not only were critical fishing
 27 grounds closed, the Andrews are worried that the spill has done long-lasting
 28 damage to key sea cucumber fishing areas, and that the market for Santa Barbara

1 sea cucumbers may forever be harmed. Foreign and domestic consumers are willing
 2 to pay top dollar for Santa Barbara sea cucumbers because of Santa Barbara's
 3 reputation of having pristine waters. As the image of clean blue waters in California
 4 is tarnished by images of oil coating beaches, dolphins, and birds, there is a
 5 significant, concrete risk that buyers may shy away from purchasing sea cucumbers
 6 caught there. In fact, potential buyers have asked the Andrews about the quality and
 7 safety of sea cucumbers caught in Santa Barbara.

8 109. As a result, even though the fishing grounds are finally open and the
 9 visible oil may be cleaned up, the Andrews face serious and potentially long-lasting
 10 harms because of Defendants' oil spill.

11 110. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused present injury
 12 to the Andrews, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, serious, and additional
 13 injury.

14 **B. Plaintiff Baciu Family LLC**

15 111. Plaintiff Baciu Family LLC is a family operated LLC that owns
 16 beachfront real property near Refugio State Beach.

17 112. The property has immediate beachfront access to the ocean, including
 18 areas to swim, surf, fish, and kayak directly accessible from the property. Before
 19 Defendants' oil spill, family members were able to enjoy the pristine natural
 20 environment in the area, and the value of the property reflected its shoreline
 21 location, direct access to the ocean, and natural beauty and quietude.

22 113. The oil spill caused by Defendants caused crude oil to spill onto
 23 beaches and into the ocean, including Baciu Family LLC's beachfront property.
 24 The property was bombarded with a steady influx of oil tarballs and oil sheen from
 25 the spill, and family members were not able to use it. The clean-up efforts near the
 26 property were unsatisfactory, and long-term, permanent contamination of the
 27 property is likely. The family members' ability to use and enjoy it has been
 28 impaired.

1 114. Baciu Family LLC not only suffers present injury, but also suffers the
 2 concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

3 **C. Plaintiff Robert Boydston**

4 115. Plaintiff Robert Boydston is a resident of Santa Barbara County,
 5 California, citizen of California, and an offshore oil platform crane operator by
 6 trade who has worked in the oil and gas industry his entire career.

7 116. At the time of the spill, Mr. Boydston had been working for almost
 8 six years at the offshore oil platform Harmony, operated by Exxon Mobil.

9 117. On June 4, 2015, shortly after the spill and subsequent closure of Line
 10 901, Mr. Boydston lost his job because Exxon Mobil's oil and gas facilities were
 11 shut down.

12 118. He has been out of permanent work since then. For a time, he was
 13 able to find spot work, filling in for other workers on a temporary basis, but that
 14 work has now completely dried up. The consequences of Plains' conduct and oil
 15 spill have had and will continue to have a devastating effect on the ability of oil and
 16 gas workers like Mr. Boydston to earn a living.

17 119. After Mr. Boydston lost his job, he contacted Plains in an attempt to
 18 seek compensation for lost wages. When Mr. Boydston presented his
 19 documentation of lost wages to Plains, his claim was summarily denied.

20 120. Mr. Boydston believes the negative consequences of Defendants' oil
 21 spill will continue to impair his ability to earn a living as an oil platform operator
 22 indefinitely. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused present injury
 23 to Mr. Boydston, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

24 **D. Plaintiff Captain Jack's Santa Barbara Tours, LLC**

25 121. Plaintiff Captain Jack's Santa Barbara Tours, LLC ("Captain Jack's")
 26 is a Santa Barbara-based tour business that offers kayaking, sailing, beach, wine
 27 tasting, and horseback tours, including tours at Refugio State Beach. Captain
 28 Jack's is a 10-year old company owned and operated by Mark Hicks, a Santa

1 Barbara resident and the company's tour and event guide.

2 122. Before Defendants' oil spill, Captain Jack's had been having one of its
 3 best years yet. Profits for the first four months of the year were approximately 20
 4 percent higher than in previous years. For the first part of May, Captain Jack's was
 5 booking roughly \$1,800 worth of trips each day, with one of the busiest holiday
 6 weekends of the season, Memorial Day weekend, yet to come.

7 123. Then Defendants spilled more than 140,000 gallons of crude oil in
 8 Santa Barbara County, and the phones in Captain Jack's office became
 9 unseasonably quiet. After Defendants' oil spill, Captain Jack's bookings dropped
 10 off to an average of \$800 per day for the remainder of May. For the same period
 11 last year, Captain Jack's averaged roughly \$1,500 to \$2,000 per day in bookings.

12 124. For example, four customers who had booked kayaking trips to
 13 Refugio State Beach cancelled their reservations, with two of those customers
 14 rescheduling less profitable tours in the Santa Barbara harbor. On information and
 15 belief, Defendants' oil spill has decreased tourism to the Santa Barbara area, which
 16 in turn has further exacerbated the decrease in bookings experienced by Captain
 17 Jack's.

18 125. Captain Jack's believes the negative consequences of Defendants' oil
 19 spill will continue to depress his business for the remainder of the year and possibly
 20 for years to come. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused present
 21 injury to Captain Jack's, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

22 **E. Plaintiff Morgan Castagnola**

23 126. Plaintiff Morgan Castagnola, a resident of Santa Barbara County,
 24 California, and a citizen of California, is part of a family that has been fishing on
 25 the Gaviota Coast since the 1800s.

26 127. He primarily fishes for shrimp and halibut out of the Santa Barbara
 27 marina in his boat, Cecelia. When halibut season opened last year, the area he
 28 would have normally been fishing for halibut was closed due to Plains' oil spill. He

1 also fishes for shrimp in that area.

2 128. Since Plains' oil spill, interest from buyers of the live halibut Mr.
 3 Castagnola fishes for has largely disappeared, with buyers looking instead to fish
 4 farms in Asia for their products because of concern about the spill's impacts on the
 5 Santa Barbara-based fishery.

6 129. Mr. Castagnola applied for and received a payment from Plains for
 7 short-term, interim damages, but that payment does not cover all his past and
 8 potential future losses resulting from Plains' oil spill.

9 130. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused present injury
 10 to Mr. Castagnola as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

11 **F. Plaintiff Crab Cowboys, LLC**

12 131. Plaintiff Crab Cowboys, LLC is a Ventura County-based business
 13 operated by Devin Grace, a resident and citizen of Santa Barbara County,
 14 California. Crab Cowboys, LLC sells locally-caught crab and other seafood to local
 15 businesses, and it also derives income from fishing Mr. Grace does for crab and
 16 other fish from his boat, the E&T, along the coast of Santa Barbara County.

17 132. Crab Cowboys, LLC derives a significant portion of its annual income
 18 fishing in the areas that Defendants' oil spill closed.

19 133. Defendants' oil spill could not have happened at a worse location.

20 134. Crab Cowboys, LLC and Mr. Grace do a significant amount of fishing
 21 in the waters that were closed because of Defendants' oil spill. That now-tainted
 22 area has provided some of the best habitat for these sea creatures in the region.

23 135. Because these key waters were closed to fishing, Crab Cowboys, LLC
 24 and Mr. Grace lost a significant opportunity to fish and so earn his livelihood.

25 136. Not only did Crab Cowboys, LLC and Mr. Grace lose the chance to
 26 fish while the waters were closed, because of the long lasting and multi-
 27 generational impacts Defendants' oil spill will have on the crab population in the
 28 area, he and the LLC are likely to suffer long-term impacts to their ability to earn a

1 living fishing these waters.

2 137. Finally, the market for Santa Barbara crab is seriously threatened by
 3 Defendants' oil spill. As the image of clean blue waters in California is tarnished by
 4 images of oil coating beaches, dolphins, and birds, there is a significant, concrete
 5 risk that buyers may shy away from purchasing seafood, including crab, caught
 6 there, products that Crab Cowboys, LLC sells.

7 138. In fact, orders for seafood from Crab Cowboys, LLC fell by at least
 8 half from the year 2014. He routinely receives phone calls from people inquiring
 9 whether it is safe to eat seafood caught in this region. The stigma Defendants' oil
 10 spill has created regarding Santa Barbara seafood directly affects his bottom line
 11 now, and will continue to do so into the future.

12 139. Defendants' acts and omissions therefore caused present injury to
 13 Crab Cowboys, LLC and Mr. Grace, as well as the concrete risk of imminent,
 14 additional injury.

15 **G. Plaintiff The Eagle Fleet, LLC**

16 140. Plaintiff The Eagle Fleet LLC, a Salinas, California-based limited
 17 liability company formed under the laws of California ("Eagle Fleet"), is owned or
 18 operated by members of the Nguyen family, including Hoa Nguyen, a first-
 19 generation Vietnamese immigrant and lifelong fisherman, and Thuy Nguyen, Hoa's
 20 daughter and the sole member of Eagle Fleet LLC.

21 141. For three decades, the Nguyen family has operated commercial
 22 fishing vessels along the Central Coast, and currently Eagle Fleet fishes two
 23 boats—the Golden Eagle and the Eagle Junior—out of Morro Bay. The Nguyens
 24 are part of the Central Coast's large and successful Vietnamese fishing community,
 25 which has been harmed by Plains' oil spill.

26 142. Eagle Fleet's boats are used for trawling and long-line fishing,
 27 primarily for black cod but also halibut and crab. Since Plains' oil spill, Eagle Fleet
 28 estimates that its landings for black cod—and all other species—have dropped by

1 roughly half, resulting in thousands of dollars in losses each month. Up until the
 2 spill, Eagle Fleet and other Morro Bay fishers had been easily catching their limits.

3 143. Though Eagle Fleet does not fish in the area that was closed following
 4 Plains' spill, its boats fish in areas just to the north and west of there, where, on
 5 information and belief, oil from Plains' pipeline travelled, causing present and long-
 6 term harm to fisheries Eagle Fleet depends on for its business.

7 144. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused present injury
 8 to Eagle Fleet as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

9 **H. Plaintiff Zachary Frazier**

10 145. Plaintiff Zachary Frazier, a resident of Kern County, California, was
 11 employed as a Roustabout by Irwin Industries on offshore oil platform Harvest
 12 operated by Freeport McMoRan at the time of the spill.

13 146. In early July 2015, as a result of the spill and related shutdown, Mr.
 14 Frazier was informed that he was no longer required to work on the platform and
 15 his position was being terminated.

16 147. Mr. Frazier has been out of permanent work since then. The
 17 consequences of Plains' conduct and oil spill have had and will continue to have a
 18 devastating effect on the ability of Mr. Frazier and oil and gas workers like him to
 19 earn a living. Mr. Frazier believes the negative consequences of Defendants' oil
 20 spill will continue to impair his ability to earn a living as a Roustabout indefinitely.

21 148. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused present injury
 22 to Mr. Frazier, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

23 **I. Plaintiff Mike Gandall**

24 149. Plaintiff Mike Gandall, a resident and citizen of Santa Barbara,
 25 California, has been fishing the waters off Santa Barbara for decades.

26 150. Mr. Gandall makes his living by fishing for a variety of species,
 27 including rock crab and California spiny lobster.

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1 151. Santa Barbara lobsters are prized for the taste and appearance, and as
 2 such command a premium price on the seafood market.

3 152. Mr. Gandall derives a significant portion of his annual income fishing
 4 for lobster in the areas that Defendants' oil spill closed.

5 153. Defendants' oil spill could not have happened at a worse location.

6 154. Mr. Gandall fishes for crab and lobster almost exclusively in the
 7 waters that were closed because of Defendants' oil spill. That now-tainted area has
 8 provided some of the best habitat for these sea creatures in the region.

9 155. Pictures like this one taken after Plains' oil spill show some of the
 10 damage to lobsters in the area:



22 156. Defendants' oil spill could not have happened at a worse time.

23 157. The Spill occurred just before lobster spawning season. As a result,
 24 thousands of lobsters, laden with eggs that should become the next generation of
 25 lobsters, were moving into the shallow waters off of Refugio. Where oil settles to
 26 the sea floor, it will smother the adult lobsters and their eggs, killing them. And, as
 27 lobsters take nearly 10 years to reach reproductive age, Defendants' oil spill may
 28 not have wiped out just this years' spawning population; it may have ruined lobster

1 populations for decades.

2 158. Defendants' oil spill has already had profound effects on Mr.
 3 Gandall's ability to do his job by, for example, coating some of his gear in oil.

4 159. Not only are future generations of lobsters now seriously threatened,
 5 Mr. Gandall is concerned that the market for Santa Barbara lobster may never
 6 recover. As the image of clean blue waters in California is tarnished by images of
 7 oil coating beaches, dolphins, and birds, there is a significant, concrete risk that
 8 buyers may shy away from purchasing lobsters caught there.

9 160. Defendants' acts and omissions therefore caused present injury to Mr.
 10 Gandall, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

11 **J. Plaintiff Alexandra B. Geremia**

12 161. Plaintiff Alexandra B. Geremia, as Trustee for the Alexandra Geremia
 13 Family Trust dated August 5, 1998, is a resident of Santa Barbara County. The
 14 Alexandra Geremia Family Trust is the record owner of ocean and beachfront real
 15 property just north of Refugio State Beach.

16 162. Ms. Geremia's home has immediate beachfront access to the ocean,
 17 including areas to swim, surf, fish, and kayak directly accessible from the property.
 18 Before Defendants' oil spill, Ms. Geremia was able to enjoy the pristine natural
 19 environment in the area of her home, and the value of her home reflected its
 20 shoreline location, direct access to the ocean, and natural beauty and quietude.

21 163. The more than 140,000 gallon oil spill caused by Defendants caused
 22 crude oil to spill onto beaches and into the ocean, including Ms. Geremia's
 23 beachfront property. Since then, her property has been bombarded with a steady
 24 influx of oil tarballs and oil sheen from the spill, and she has been unable even to
 25 walk on the beach. The clean-up efforts near her home have been unsatisfactory,
 26 and long-term, permanent contamination of her property is likely. Her ability to use
 27 it has been severely impaired; and her ability to rent it has vanished.

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1 164. Ms. Geremia not only suffers present injury, but also suffers the
 2 concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

3 **K. Plaintiff Jim Guelker**

4 165. At the time of the spill, Mr. Guelker was employed as Chief Engineer
 5 on the Admiral Tide, a supply vessel owned and operated by Tidewater Marine
 6 Western, Inc. Tidewater provides large offshore service vessels to the energy
 7 industry. Mr. Guelker had been employed by Tidewater since February 23, 1994.

8 166. On January 12, 2016, Mr. Guelker was informed that, due to the
 9 pipeline rupture, shutdown and failure to reopen, the Admiral Tide had lost its
 10 contract to supply the ExxonMobil offshore platforms Harmony, Heritage and
 11 Hondo and therefore his employment was being terminated effective immediately.

12 167. Mr. Guelker has been out of permanent work since then. The
 13 consequences of Plains' conduct and oil spill have had and will continue to have a
 14 devastating effect on the ability of Mr. Guelker and workers like him to earn a
 15 living.

16 168. After Mr. Guelker lost his job, he contacted Plains in an attempt to
 17 seek compensation for lost wages. When Mr. Guelker presented his documentation
 18 of lost wages to Plains, his claim was denied.

19 169. Mr. Guelker believes the negative consequences of Defendants' oil
 20 spill will continue to impair his ability to earn a living as a Chief Engineer
 21 indefinitely. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused present injury to
 22 Mr. Guelker, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

23 **L. Plaintiff Jacques Habra**

24 170. Plaintiff Jacques Habra is a Santa Barbara County resident and owner
 25 of real property west of Hendry's Beach, Santa Barbara.

26 171. The property has immediate beachfront access to the ocean, including
 27 areas to swim, surf, fish, and kayak directly accessible from the property. Before
 28 Defendants' oil spill, Mr. Habra was able to enjoy the pristine natural environment

1 in the area, and the value of the property reflected its shoreline location, direct
 2 access to the ocean, and natural beauty and quietude.

3 172. The Spill caused crude oil to spill onto beaches and into the ocean,
 4 right in front of Mr. Habra's property. This ocean frontage has suffered a steady
 5 influx of oil tarballs and oil sheen from the spill, and he and his family were not
 6 able to use and enjoy it. The clean-up efforts near the property were unsatisfactory,
 7 and long-term, permanent contamination of the property is likely. Mr. Habra's
 8 ability to use and enjoy the property has been impaired.

9 173. Mr. Habra not only suffers present injury, but also suffers the concrete
 10 risk of imminent, additional injury.

11 **M. Plaintiff iSurf, LLC**

12 174. Plaintiff iSurf, LLC, is a Santa Barbara-based surf school owned by
 13 Santa Barbara resident Alelia Parenteau that is dedicated to giving women and girls
 14 the skills and confidence to become avid surfers. The company's website is
 15 <http://www.isurfschool.com>.

16 175. Plaintiff iSurf, LLC offers private and group lessons, annual
 17 memberships, camps, after school programs, and extended surf trips in Santa
 18 Barbara County and elsewhere.

19 176. After Plains' pipeline ruptured, fouling the waves at Refugio and
 20 other beaches, Plaintiff iSurf, LLC was forced to cancel lessons and experienced
 21 diminished interest in its programs and services. Understandably, iSurf, LLC's
 22 customers were not eager to surf in oil-coated waters or at beaches that had been
 23 closed by county officials for health and safety reasons.

24 177. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused present injury
 25 to Plaintiff iSurf, LLC as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

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1 **N. Plaintiffs Mark and Mary Kirkhart**

2 178. Plaintiffs Mark and Mary Kirkhart are residents of Montecito,
 3 California. They are long-term tenants, residing in an ocean and beachfront
 4 property in the Miramar Beach neighborhood of Montecito.

5 179. Their leased property has immediate beachfront access to the ocean,
 6 including areas to swim, surf, fish and kayak directly accessible from the property.
 7 Before Defendants' oil spill, the Kirkharts and their family were able to enjoy the
 8 pristine natural environment in the area of their home, including walking and using
 9 the beachfront continually. The rent paid to their landlord reflected the property's
 10 shoreline location, direct access to the ocean, and natural beauty and quietude.

11 180. The Spill caused crude oil to spill onto beaches and into the ocean,
 12 including the Kirkharts' beachfront. Their property was polluted and tainted by a
 13 steady influx of oil tarballs and oil sheen from the spill, and they were unable to
 14 walk on the beach. The clean-up efforts near their home were unsatisfactory, and
 15 long-term, permanent contamination at their residence is likely. Their ability to use
 16 their leased property was severely impaired, and its value diminished.

17 181. The Kirkharts not only suffer present injury, but also suffer the
 18 concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

19 **O. Plaintiff Jamie Klein**

20 182. Jamie Klein is a resident of Orange County, the owner of a business
 21 that makes innovative surf paddles, and the record owner of ocean and beachfront
 22 real property in San Clemente, California.

23 183. His property has direct beachfront access to the ocean, including areas
 24 to swim, surf, fish, and kayak directly accessible from the property.

25 184. The more than 140,000 gallon oil spill caused by Defendants caused
 26 crude oil to spill onto beaches and into the ocean, which then traveled to Orange
 27 County where Mr. Klein's property is located.

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1 185. Mr. Klein not only suffers present injury, but also suffers the concrete
 2 risk of imminent, additional injury.

3 **P. Plaintiff Richard Lilygren**

4 186. Plaintiff Richard Lilygren is a resident of Santa Barbara County,
 5 California, citizen of California, and an offshore oil platform operator by trade who
 6 has worked in the oil and gas industry since 2002.

7 187. At the time of the spill, Mr. Lilygren had been working for eleven
 8 years at the offshore oil platforms Hidalgo and Harvest, operated by Freeport-
 9 McMoRan near Point Arguello.

10 188. On July 13, 2015, shortly after the spill and subsequent closure of the
 11 Pipeline, Mr. Lilygren lost his job because Freeport-McMoRan's oil and gas
 12 facilities were shut down.

13 189. He has been out of work since then, and unable to find comparable
 14 employment. The consequences of Plains' conduct and oil spill have had and will
 15 continue to have a devastating effect on the ability of oil and gas workers like Mr.
 16 Lilygren to earn a living.

17 190. After Mr. Lilygren lost his job, he contacted Plains in an attempt to
 18 seek compensation for lost wages. When Mr. Lilygren presented his documentation
 19 of lost wages to Plains, however, his claim was summarily denied.

20 191. Mr. Lilygren believes the negative consequences of Defendants' oil
 21 spill will continue to impair his ability to earn a living as an oil platform operator
 22 indefinitely. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused present injury
 23 to Mr. Lilygren, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

24 **Q. Plaintiff Hwa Hong Muh**

25 192. Plaintiff Hwa Hong Muh is a resident and citizen of Alhambra, Los
 26 Angeles County, California, doing business in Santa Barbara County, California as
 27 Mu's Seafood Co.

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1 193. For many years Mr. Muh has run a business buying, processing, and
 2 exporting sea cucumbers from Santa Barbara.

3 194. Mr. Muh purchases sea cucumbers every day from several different
 4 fishing boats during the sea cucumber season in Santa Barbara.

5 195. As a result of Defendants' oil spill and the resulting fishing grounds
 6 closures, Mr. Muh has found there are fewer sea cucumbers for him to buy.

7 196. Mr. Muh chose to start his business in Santa Barbara because sea
 8 cucumbers from the region are highly sought after, and command a premium price
 9 in the international market.

10 197. The premium price buyers are willing to pay for Santa Barbara sea
 11 cucumbers comes, at least in part, from the fact that Santa Barbara and the waters in
 12 the region have the reputation of being clean, healthful, and free from pollution.

13 198. As the image of clean blue waters in California is tarnished by
 14 pictures and videos of oil coating beaches, dolphins, and birds, there is a
 15 significant, concrete risk buyers may shy away from purchasing sea cucumber
 16 caught here. In fact, Mr. Muh's customers have asked how about Plains' spill and
 17 how it is affecting his business.

18 199. As a result, even though the fishing grounds are opened, Mr. Muh
 19 faces serious and potentially long-lasting harms because of Defendants' oil spill.

20 200. Mr. Muh believes the negative consequences of Defendants' oil spill
 21 will continue to impact the Santa Barbara fishery, and consequently his business,
 22 for years to come. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused present
 23 injury to Mr. Muh, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

24 **R. Plaintiff Ocean Angel IV, LLC**

25 201. Ocean Angel IV owns and operates a commercial fishing boat that
 26 fishes for squid and other species off the California coast, including at the squid
 27 fisheries off the coast of Santa Barbara.

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1 202. Ocean Angel generates significant revenues from squid fishing and
 2 can earn up to \$30,000 per night.

3 203. Defendants' oil spill, however, has seriously affected Ocean Angel's
 4 ability to fish for squid; following the spill, several commercial fisheries on which
 5 Ocean Angel relies for squid were closed.

6 204. Ocean Angel is also gravely concerned that its business will be
 7 damaged long term. Defendants' oil spill may have seriously and permanently
 8 harmed squid populations in the region, seriously impacting Ocean Angel's ability
 9 to earn income from squid.

10 205. Ocean Angel believes the negative consequences of Defendants' oil
 11 spill will continue to impact the Santa Barbara fishery, and consequently its
 12 business, for years to come. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused
 13 present injury to Ocean Angel, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional
 14 injury.

15 **S. Plaintiff Pacific Rim Fisheries, Inc.**

16 206. Pacific Rim Fisheries is a seafood processing and wholesale business
 17 that sells and ships a wide variety of seafood products to destinations all over the
 18 world. It specializes in squid caught off the California coast.

19 207. Pacific Rim is a family-owned company that has been operating since
 20 2011. It generates significant revenues from squid fishing and selling squid around
 21 the world, particularly in Asia and Europe. Squid fishing generates substantial
 22 income for the fisherman, the light boats that assist them, and the wholesalers like
 23 Pacific Rim which purchase and process the squid for re-sale in Asia, Europe and
 24 the United States.

25 208. Defendants' oil spill, however, has seriously affected Pacific Rim's
 26 ability to fish. Following the spill, several commercial squid fisheries on which
 27 Pacific Rim relies for squid were closed.

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1 209. Pacific Rim is also gravely concerned that its business will be
 2 damaged long term. Defendants' oil spill may have seriously and permanently
 3 harmed squid populations in the region, seriously impacting Pacific Rim's ability to
 4 earn income from squid.

5 210. Pacific Rim believes the negative consequences of Defendants' oil
 6 spill will continue to impact the Santa Barbara fishery, and consequently its
 7 business, for years to come. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused
 8 present injury to Pacific Rim, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional
 9 injury.

10 **T. Plaintiff Sarah Rathbone, Community Seafood LLC**

11 211. Sarah Rathbone, a citizen of Goleta, is the owner and sole member of
 12 Community Seafood LLC. Community Seafood provides wholesales and direct
 13 sales of locally-caught seafood, and seasonally operates a "boat to table" business,
 14 buying fresh fish from local fishermen and delivers it directly to consumers, who
 15 purchase weekly or bi-weekly "shares." A half-pound share is \$11 per week and
 16 \$21 per week buys a pound share. Its website is
 17 <http://www.communityseafood.com>.

18 212. Community Seafood's shares can include a wide variety of local
 19 species: black cod, ridgeback shrimp, yellowtail, yellowfin, albacore, squid,
 20 anchovies, oysters, mussels, rockfish, and so on. The three-year old business has
 21 nine part-time employees and one-full time employee besides Ms. Rathbone.

22 213. Defendants' oil spill has damaged Ms. Rathbone's business. The
 23 week following that spill, Ms. Rathbone did not deliver any shares to her customers
 24 due to concerns over oil contamination. Those roughly 350 cancelled shares led to
 25 lost revenue of over \$6,500 for Community Seafood and Ms. Rathbone.

26 214. After the spill, as local fish have become scarcer, Ms. Rathbone had
 27 to spend time and money to drive to out-of-town to places like Morro Bay to
 28 purchase more expensive species, like salmon, to fulfill her orders. Those increased

1 costs have largely erased profits on her weekly shares, which have fixed prices.

2 215. Ms. Rathbone believes the negative consequences of Defendants' oil
 3 spill will continue to impact the Santa Barbara fishery, and consequently her
 4 business, for years to come. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused
 5 present injury to Ms. Rathbone, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional
 6 injury.

7 **U. Plaintiff Santa Barbara Uni, Inc.**

8 216. Plaintiff Santa Barbara Uni, Inc. is a California corporation and sea
 9 urchin processor doing business in Oxnard, Ventura County, California, and owned
 10 by Arnold Baez. Before starting Santa Barbara Uni in October 2014, Mr. Baez
 11 spent over two decades working for seafood buyers in the region.

12 217. The success of Plaintiff Santa Barbara Uni, Inc. depends on the
 13 positive association its customers have between Santa Barbara and the quality of
 14 the sea urchin, or uni, that are caught in the waters offshore.

15 218. Plaintiff Santa Barbara Uni, Inc. highlights that positive association
 16 on every package of uni roe it sells by using this label:



1 219. After Plains' oil spill, Plaintiff Santa Barbara Uni, Inc. faced a
 2 shortage of uni. Because uni divers were prohibited from entering and fishing in
 3 prime urchin habitat, uni became more difficult to find and purchase.

4 220. In addition, Plaintiff Santa Barbara Uni, Inc.'s customers began to
 5 question the quality and safety of uni from Santa Barbara, depressing demand for
 6 the processed uni roe Plaintiff sells to distributors around the nation. In response
 7 Plaintiff sold more of its product to Japan, where prices for uni are lower and the
 8 costs of shipping are higher, eroding Plaintiff's profits.

9 221. Based on the foregoing and a significant decrease in transactions with
 10 its clients, Plaintiff Santa Barbara Uni, Inc. alleges that the oil spill has resulted in
 11 long-term damage to the Santa Barbara uni market.

12 222. Defendants' acts and omissions therefore caused present injury to
 13 Plaintiff Santa Barbara Uni, Inc. as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional
 14 injury.

15 **V. Plaintiff Southern Cal Seafood, Inc.**

16 223. Southern Cal Seafood is a seafood processing and wholesale business
 17 that sells and ships a wide variety of seafood products, and specializes in squids and
 18 crab caught off the California coast.

19 224. Southern Cal is a family-owned company that has been operating
 20 since 1994, run by experienced commercial fishermen who have been in the
 21 industry for generations.

22 225. Southern Cal generates significant revenues from squid fishing and
 23 selling squid around the world, particularly in Asia and Europe. Squid is ranked by
 24 volume as one of the state's largest commercial fish landed. The abundance of
 25 squid in California marine areas is also critically important to the millions of fishes,
 26 birds, and mammals along the coast. The market squid is a principal forage item for
 27 a minimum of 19 species of fishes, 13 species of birds, and six species of mammals.

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1 226. The Santa Barbara and Ventura area makes up more than half the total
2 value for all squids caught in California. The waters off the coast and near the
3 islands are good for squids because there are many sandy bottoms in 200 feet or
4 less, where massive congregations of squids flock to spawn.

5 227. Fishing boats, with the assistance of lights boats that assist them to
6 draw the squids to the surface at night, can net and return to the docks with up to 60
7 tons of squid per night, earning up to \$30,000 in a single night. Squid fishing
8 generates substantial income for the fisherman, the light boats that assist them, and
9 the wholesalers like Southern Cal who purchase and process the squid for re-sale in
10 Asia, Europe and the United States.

11 228. Defendants' oil spill, however, has seriously affected Southern Cal's
12 ability to fish. Following the spill, several commercial squid fisheries on which
13 Southern Cal relies for squid were closed.

14 229. Southern Cal is also gravely concerned that its business will be
15 damaged long term. Defendants' oil spill may have seriously and permanently
16 harmed squid populations in the region, seriously impacting Southern Cal's ability
17 to earn income from squid.

18 230. Southern Cal believes the negative consequences of Defendants' oil
19 spill will continue to impact the Santa Barbara fishery, and consequently its
20 business, for years to come. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused
21 present injury to Southern Cal, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional
22 injury.

23 **W. Plaintiff TracTide Marine Corp.**

24 231. For more than a decade, TracTide has provided marine fuels to oil
25 drilling platform supply and crew vessels and other crafts in the Port of Hueneme.
26 Some of TracTide's largest customers are the companies that operate offshore
27 drilling platforms that have been unable to operate due to the closure of the
28 Pipeline.

1 232. Because of the loss of that business—a direct result of Plains’ oil
 2 spill—TracTide has lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue and has been
 3 forced to lay off multiple employees.

4 233. In early December 2015, TracTide submitted a detailed claim for
 5 damages to Plains’ claims administrator, but Plains has not paid that claim.

6 234. TracTide’s losses will continue to accrue unless and until the Pipeline
 7 can be safely restored to service.

8 **X. Plaintiff Wei International Trading Inc.**

9 235. Wei International Trading Inc. is a California corporation conducting
 10 business in El Monte, Los Angeles County, California, and operated by Weihai
 11 Zhuang.

12 236. Wei International Trading Inc. purchases, processes and exports sea
 13 cucumbers from Santa Barbara waters.

14 237. Mr. Zhuang and Wei International Trading Inc. purchase sea
 15 cucumbers every day from several different fishing boats during the sea cucumber
 16 season in Santa Barbara.

17 238. As a result of Defendants’ oil spill and the resulting fishing grounds
 18 closures, Wei International Trading Inc.’s ability to purchase sea cucumbers from
 19 its regular suppliers was significantly diminished.

20 239. Wei International Trading Inc.’s location in Santa Barbara is no
 21 accident—the location was thoughtfully selected because sea cucumbers from the
 22 region are highly sought after, and command a premium price in international
 23 markets.

24 240. The premium price buyers are willing to pay for Santa Barbara sea
 25 cucumbers comes, at least in part, from the fact that Santa Barbara and the waters in
 26 the region have the reputation of being clean, healthful, and free from pollution.

27 241. As the image of clean blue waters in California is tarnished by
 28 pictures and videos of oil coating beaches, dolphins, and birds, there is a

1 significant, concrete risk buyers may shy away from purchasing sea cucumber
 2 caught in the region. In fact, Wei International Trading, Inc.'s past buyers and
 3 potential buyers frequently inquire about the quality and safety of sea cucumbers
 4 caught in Santa Barbara.

5 242. As a result, even though the fishing grounds are open, Wei
 6 International Trading, Inc. continues to face serious and potentially long-lasting
 7 harms because of Defendants' oil spill.

8 243. Based on the foregoing, diminished sales and the growing concerns of
 9 its customers, Wei International Trading, Inc. is negatively impacted by
 10 Defendants' oil spill and will continue to suffer from the oil spill's impact on the
 11 Santa Barbara fishery for years to come. Defendants' acts and omissions have
 12 therefore caused present injury to Wei International Trading, Inc., as well as the
 13 concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

14 **Y. Plaintiff Stephen Wilson**

15 244. At the time of the spill, Plaintiff Stephen Wilson was employed as a
 16 Rig Manager by Parker Drilling Management Services, Inc. on offshore oil
 17 Platform Harmony, operated by ExxonMobil.

18 245. In or about September, 2015, Mr. Wilson was informed that, due to
 19 the pipeline rupture and shutdown, platform Harmony was reducing and/or shutting
 20 down production, and that his employment would be terminated as of November
 21 24, 2015.

22 246. Mr. Wilson has been out of permanent work since then. The
 23 consequences of Plains' conduct and oil spill have had and will continue to have a
 24 devastating effect on the ability of Mr. Wilson and oil and gas workers like him to
 25 earn a living.

26 247. Mr. Wilson believes the negative consequences of Defendants' oil
 27 spill will continue to impair his ability to earn a living as a Rig Manager
 28 indefinitely.

1 248. Defendants' acts and omissions have therefore caused present injury
 2 to Mr. Wilson, as well as the concrete risk of imminent, additional injury.

3 **VII. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

4 249. Plaintiffs bring claims pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23
 5 on behalf of classes of similarly situated persons, which they initially propose be
 6 defined as follows:

7 All persons or businesses in the United States that claim
 8 economic losses, or damages to their occupations, businesses,
 9 and/or property as a result of Defendants' May 19, 2015 oil spill
 10 from Line 901.

11 250. Plaintiffs reserve the right to propose subclasses of Plaintiffs in
 12 connection with their Motion for Class Certification, and as determined by the
 13 Court in its discretion.

14 251. The Class members are ascertainable and have a well-defined
 15 community of interest among their members.

16 252. **Ascertainability:** The number and identity of class members can be
 17 easily ascertained. Because the oil spill was a distinct catastrophic event, the class
 18 members—who consist of fishers and fish buyers, beachfront property owners and
 19 lessees, small businesses and oil workers who suffered economic harm—will not
 20 have difficulty discerning these injuries, or their cause. In May, 2015, as a result of
 21 the Refugio oil spill, oil from Plains' Pipeline washed up on their property,
 22 damaged their nets and equipment, affected their catch, forced their businesses or
 23 employers to shut down, and affected customer demand, and continues to do so.
 24 Those who can no longer work as a result of the spill are aware of that fact.
 25 Similarly those whose properties or business were affected by the spill and its
 26 lingering effects are aware of these facts and the resulting costs. Finally, those in
 27 the fishing industry are well aware of any current or continuing changes to the
 28 availability, quality or demand for their products.

1 253. **Numerosity:** The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder
 2 of all members is impractical. The proposed Class likely contains hundreds if not
 3 thousands of members.

4 254. **Commonality:** There are common questions of law and fact that
 5 predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class.

6 255. For Plaintiffs and the Class, the common legal and factual questions
 7 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 8 (a) Whether Defendants acted negligently, recklessly, wantonly, and/or
 unlawfully to cause the spill;
- 9 (b) Whether Defendants installed and maintained adequate safety
 measures and systems on Line 901 and in its systems of command
 and control to prevent the spill;
- 10 (c) Whether Defendants conducted adequate supervision that could
 have prevented the spill or reduced its scale;
- 11 (d) Whether Defendants engaged in unconscionable, deceptive, and/or
 unreasonable business practices and conduct;
- 12 (e) Whether Defendants knowingly, intentionally, or negligently
 concealed, suppressed, or omitted material facts concerning the
 safety of the Pipeline from the public;
- 13 (f) Whether Defendants knowingly, intentionally, or negligently
 concealed, suppressed, omitted, or delayed relaying material facts
 regarding the spill to local, state, and federal agencies, thereby
 slowing the response, and/or increasing the damages to Plaintiffs
 and members of the Class;
- 14 (g) Whether Plaintiffs and the Class suffered injury by virtue of
 Defendants' negligence, recklessness, carelessness, and/or
 unconscionable and/or deceptive business practices; and

(h) Whether Defendants are strictly liable to Plaintiffs and the Class, by virtue of state and/or federal laws.

3 **256. Typicality:** The representative Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the
4 claims of the members of the Class. Plaintiffs and all the members of the Class have
5 been injured by the same wrongful acts and omissions of Defendants. Plaintiffs'
6 claims arise from the same practices and course of conduct that give rise to the
7 claims of the members of the Class and are based on the same legal theories.

8 **257. Adequacy of Representation:** Plaintiffs are representatives who will
9 fully and adequately assert and protect the interests of the Class, and have retained
10 class counsel who are experienced and qualified in prosecuting class actions.
11 Neither Plaintiffs nor their attorneys have any interests contrary to or in conflict
12 with the Class.

13 258. **Rule 23(b)(3):** In addition to satisfying the prerequisites of Rule
14 23(a), Plaintiffs satisfy the requirements for maintaining a class action under Rule
15 23(b)(3). Common questions of law and fact predominate over any questions
16 affecting only individual Class members and a class action is superior to individual
17 litigation. The amount of damages available to individual plaintiffs is insufficient to
18 make litigation addressing Defendants' conduct economically feasible in the
19 absence of the class action procedure. Individualized litigation also presents a
20 potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments, and increases the delay and
21 expense to all parties and the court system presented by the legal and factual issues
22 of the case. By contrast, the class action device presents far fewer case management
23 difficulties and provides the benefits of a single adjudication, economy of scale, and
24 comprehensive supervision by a single court.

25 **259. Rule 23(b)(2):** Plaintiffs also satisfy the requirements for maintaining
26 a class action under Rule 23(b)(2). Defendants have acted or refused to act on
27 grounds that apply generally to the proposed Class, making final declaratory or
28 injunctive relief appropriate with respect to the proposed Class as a whole.

1 260. **Rule 23(c)(4):** Plaintiffs also satisfy the requirements for maintaining
2 a class action under Rule 23(c)(4). The claims of Class members are composed of
3 particular issues that are common to all Class members and capable of class wide
4 resolution that will significantly advance the litigation.

VIII. CAUSES OF ACTION

First Claim for Relief
Strict Liability under Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act, Government Code Section 8670, *et seq.*

8 261. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every prior and
9 subsequent allegation of this Complaint as if fully restated here.

10 262. The Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act
11 (“the Act”) provides that “[a]ny responsible party, as defined in Section 8670.3,
12 shall be absolutely liable without regard to fault for any damages incurred by any
13 injured party which arise out of, or are caused by, the discharge or leaking of oil
14 into or onto marine waters.” Cal. Gov’t Code Section 8670.56.5(a).

15 263. The Pacific Ocean and the waters off the Gaviota Coast are “marine
16 waters” as defined in Section 8670.03(i).

17 264. Defendants are “responsible part[ies],” which includes “the owner or
18 transporter of oil or a person or entity accepting responsibility for the oil.”

19 265. The oil transported through the Pipeline is “oil” within the meaning of
20 the Act, which defines “oil” as “any kind of petroleum, liquid hydrocarbon, or
21 petroleum products or any fraction or residues therefrom,” including “crude oil.”

22 266. As the responsible party for the oil transported through Line 901,
23 Defendants are absolutely liable under the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Act.

24 267. On May 19, 2015, Defendants discharged or leaked crude oil into the
25 Pacific Ocean, and are therefore absolutely liable without regard to fault for all
26 damages that Plaintiffs and the Class sustained or will sustain. That discharge was
27 not permitted by state or federal law.

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1 268. The Act entitles a plaintiff to recover a wide variety of damages,
 2 including, but not limited to, loss of subsistence use of natural resources; injury to,
 3 or economic losses resulting from destruction of or injury to, real or personal
 4 property, which shall be recoverable by any claimant who has an ownership or
 5 leasehold interest in property; loss of taxes, royalties, rents, or net profit shares
 6 caused by the injury, destruction, loss, or impairment of use of real property,
 7 personal property, or natural resources; and loss of profits or impairment of earning
 8 capacity due to the injury, destruction, or loss of real property, personal property, or
 9 natural resources. *See generally* Cal. Gov't Code Section 8670.56.5(h).

10 269. The contamination illegally caused by the discharge of crude oil into
 11 or upon area beaches and the Pacific Ocean injured, and the shutdown of local oil
 12 and gas operations, caused to be lost, and/or impaired the use of property or natural
 13 resources on which Plaintiffs and the Class depend for their livelihood, including,
 14 but not limited to, local beaches and marine waters; populations of fish, squid and
 15 shellfish; and marine ecosystems. It also caused injury to and destruction of real or
 16 personal property, as well as impairment of earning capacity of Plaintiffs and the
 17 Class.

18 270. Because Plaintiffs rely on natural resources for subsistence use;
 19 Plaintiffs have ownership or leasehold interests in real or personal property
 20 damaged by Defendants' oil spill; Plaintiffs derive at least 25 percent of their
 21 annual or seasonal earnings from activities that utilize property or natural resources
 22 damaged by Defendants' oil spill; Plaintiffs' livelihoods and earning capacity
 23 depend directly on the ability to extract the natural resources of the oil fields and
 24 the integrity of the pipeline not rupturing and damaging real and personal property
 25 and the natural resources in and around the Pacific Ocean, and along the California
 26 coastline; and/or Defendants' damage to real property, personal property, and
 27 natural resources has caused Plaintiffs a loss of taxes, royalties, rents, or net profit;
 28 or all of the above, Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs and the Class under the Act.

271. The injury, destruction, loss, and/or impairment of usability of these natural resources has caused Plaintiffs and the Class to lose profits, and will cause future losses of profits and/or impair their earning capacities.

272. The long-lasting effects of contamination related to the discharge of toxic crude oil into the Pacific Ocean and coastal areas, which Plaintiffs and the Class rely on, requires that Plaintiffs and the Class continue future monitoring and testing activities in order to ensure that such marine life is not contaminated and is safe and fit for human consumption, that the toxic oil from the spill does not further contaminate and degrade Plaintiffs' property, and that their earning capacity is not impaired.

Second Claim for Relief Strict Liability for Ultrahazardous Activities

273. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every prior and subsequent allegation of this Complaint as if fully restated here.

274. At all times herein, Plains was the owner and operator of the Pipeline.

275. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants had supervision, custody, and control of the Pipeline.

276. At all times herein, Defendants were under a continuing duty to protect the Plaintiffs and the Class from the harm caused by the Pipeline.

277. Defendants were engaged in ultrahazardous activities by transporting flammable, hazardous, and toxic oil through the Pipeline.

278. Plaintiffs and the Class have suffered harm from the discharge of toxic oil from the Pipeline and immediate, direct and negative impact of the shutdown of local oil and gas facilities.

279. The injuries sustained by Plaintiffs and the Class as a result of the oil spill were the direct and proximate result of Defendants' activities.

280. The harm to Plaintiffs and the Class was and is the kind of harm that would be reasonably anticipated as a result of the risks created by transporting

1 flammable, hazardous, and toxic oil in a pipeline on which local oil and gas
2 facilities and their workers depend, and not properly maintaining the pipelines in
3 close proximity to the Pacific Ocean.

4 281. Defendants' operation of the Pipeline and its failure was a substantial
5 factor in causing the harms suffered by Plaintiffs and the Class.

6 282. Due to Defendants' strict liability, Plaintiffs and Class members are
7 entitled to recover actual damages.

8 283. The acts and omissions of Defendants were conducted with malice,
9 fraud, and/or oppression as set out in this Complaint.

Third Claim for Relief **Negligence**

12 284. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every prior and
13 subsequent allegation of this Complaint as if fully restated here.

14 285. Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiffs and the Class to exercise
15 reasonable and ordinary care. That duty arose generally as well as from, among
16 other things, federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations that require
17 Defendants to operate a pipeline in a manner that does not damage public health
18 and safety. These laws include, but are not limited to, the Lempert-Keene Act,
19 Government Code Section 8670, *et seq.*, the Porter-Cologne Act, Water Code
20 Sections 13000, *et seq.*, Cal. Fish & Game Code Section 5650, *et seq.*, the Federal
21 Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*, Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter
22 25, §§ 25-7(g) and 25-37, and state and federal spill response and notification laws.

23 286. Defendants breached their duty to Plaintiffs and the Class by, among
24 other things, failing to install reasonable safety equipment to prevent a spill, failing
25 to detect and repair corrosion, and failing to promptly respond to and contain the
26 spill.

27 287. Defendants, in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known
28 that the Pipeline could rupture or otherwise fail, and spill significant amounts of oil,

1 and cause local oil and gas operations to be shut down. Defendants have
 2 acknowledged that spills such as this have occurred on their pipelines in the past
 3 and will occur, and have in fact occurred, again.

4 288. In addition, Defendants' violations of the above-cited statutes,
 5 ordinances, and/or regulations resulted in precisely the harm to Plaintiffs that the
 6 laws listed above were designed to prevent, and Plaintiffs and the Class are
 7 members of the class of persons for whose protection those laws were adopted.

8 289. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants negligently, wantonly,
 9 carelessly and/or recklessly maintained and operated the Pipeline.

10 290. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence, Plaintiffs
 11 and the Class have sustained damages. Those damages take primarily two forms:
 12 short-term and long-term. As a direct and legal cause of the Defendants' wrongful
 13 acts and omissions herein above set forth, Plaintiffs and the Class have suffered and
 14 will continue to suffer economic harm, injury to earning capacity, and losses.

15 291. The short-term damages include loss of profits due to fishing closures
 16 caused by the spill, and increased costs associated with traveling to different
 17 fisheries. The closures have excluded fishers from near shore fishing grounds for
 18 lobster, crab, shrimp, squid, and other species. The short-term damages also include
 19 lost profits due to cancellations from customers who, but for Defendants' oil spill,
 20 would have used services offered by businesses in Santa Barbara County, or simply
 21 visited Santa Barbara County and the businesses there. The short-term damages
 22 additionally include loss of use and enjoyment of beachfront and oceanfront real
 23 property because of oil polluting the beaches and waters, as well as potential lost
 24 rental income and profits from vacationers and tourists visiting Santa Barbara. The
 25 short-term damages also include loss and/or impairment of earning capacity of
 26 workers at oil and gas facilities that have shut down, as well as the loss of revenues
 27 of the business that support the oil industry.

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1 292. The long-term damages include future lost profits due to the harm
 2 caused to the fisheries themselves. For example, the oil is likely to depress (or even
 3 eradicate in some areas) populations of sea urchins, crab, lobster, and other
 4 crustaceans by directly killing numbers of those species or hindering their breeding
 5 and feeding. Similarly, oil that sinks below the surface will poison fish and
 6 potentially smother their eggs, limiting their future numbers. The taboo associated
 7 with an oil spill has and will continue to drive down the price of local fish and
 8 shellfish, as consumers and fish processors become wary of producing locally-
 9 caught species. Defendants' oil spill caused physical injury to property in which
 10 Plaintiffs have a direct ownership interest or an interest by virtue of their right to
 11 harvest fish and shellfish.

12 293. Workers in the oil and gas industry, and businesses that support the
 13 local oil and gas industry, may never find comparable, dependable employment and
 14 business if Defendants do not operate their pipelines in a safe and responsible
 15 manner.

16 294. The oil spill's long term damages may also diminish the values of
 17 oceanfront and beachfront real properties along the coast that have been polluted by
 18 Defendants' oil.

19 295. Similarly, the image of the Gaviota Coast as a pristine place and as a
 20 perfect place to vacation has been tarnished. Images of oil soaked birds, dead
 21 dolphins, and fouled beaches now show up prominently in internet searches for
 22 "Santa Barbara Beaches" and will dissuade people from visiting the region and the
 23 many businesses that depend on tourism and other visitors.

24 296. The acts and omissions of Defendants, and each of them, were
 25 conducted with malice, fraud, and/or oppression as described in this Complaint.

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Fourth Claim for Relief
Violations of California's Unfair Competition Law
Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.

297. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every prior and subsequent allegation of this Complaint as if fully restated here.

298. Defendants have engaged in and continue to engage in unfair competition in violation of California’s Unfair Competition Law (“UCL”).

299. Defendants' conduct constitutes "fraudulent" business practices within the meaning of UCL in that members of the public have been harmed.

300. Defendants' conduct amounts to "unfair" business practices as UCL forbids all wrongful business activities in any context in which they appear. Moreover, as described above, Defendants' practices offend established public policies, are immoral, unethical, oppressive, and unscrupulous. The impact of Defendants' practices is in no way mitigated by any justifications, reason, or motives. Defendants' conduct has no utility when compared to the harm done to Plaintiffs and members of the Class.

301. Defendants' conduct is "unlawful" because it violated laws including but not limited to the Lempert-Keene Act, Government Code Section 8670, *et seq.*, the Porter-Cologne Act, Water Code Sections 13000, *et seq.*, and Cal. Fish & Game Code Section 5650, *et seq.*, the Oil Pollution Act, Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 25, §§ 25-7(g) and 25-37, and local, state, and federal spill notification laws, and the oil spill response plans required by federal, state, and local laws. Federal, state, and local officials have announced civil and criminal investigations into Defendants' conduct related to the spill, so it is reasonable to infer that Defendants may have violated other laws.

302. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unfair, fraudulent, and unlawful methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts or practices, Plaintiffs and the Class have sustained injury in fact and have lost money or property, including but not limited to a diminishment in assets and value of assets,

for which they seek injunctive relief. The relief sought includes, but is not limited to, an order requiring Defendants to do the following: restore fisheries impacted by the spill; repair reputational damage done to Santa Barbara's seafood industry; restore the area real properties and beaches impacted by the spill; repair short and long term damages to coastal properties; repair reputational damage done to coastal property values; and prevent Defendants from operating the Pipeline without adequate safety mechanisms and ongoing monitoring, to ensure that no future spill occurs.

9 303. Plaintiffs and the Class have no adequate remedy at law for the
10 injuries that will result from failure of the Defendants to safely replace and/or
11 repair, operate, and maintain the Pipeline and it could be impossible for Plaintiffs
12 and the Class to determine the precise amount of damages they will suffer if
13 Defendants' conduct is not restrained and Plaintiffs are forced to institute a
14 multiplicity of suits to obtain adequate compensation for injuries and harm to the
15 Class.

16 304. The acts and omissions of Defendants were done with malice, fraud,
17 and/or oppression as described in this Complaint.

Fifth Claim for Relief
Public Nuisance

20 305. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every prior and
21 subsequent allegation of this Complaint as if fully restated here.

22 306. Defendants have created a condition that is harmful to health and
23 interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property by discharging more
24 than 140,000 gallons of crude oil into the Pacific Ocean and onto the California
25 coastline.

26 307. That nuisance affects a substantial number of individuals similarly
27 situated to the Plaintiffs, such as citizens of and visitors to Santa Barbara County,
28 commercial fishers and processors, real property owners, oil workers, and

1 businesses that rely on the safe and healthy environment in the County.

2 308. Defendants' oil spill is a condition which would reasonably annoy and
 3 disturb an ordinary person, as shown by, for example, the health impacts warned of
 4 by the county, the community outrage in response to the spill, and the nationwide
 5 interest in the spill's impacts on the Gaviota Coast.

6 309. The seriousness and gravity of that harm outweighs the social utility
 7 of Defendants' conduct. There is little or no social utility associated with releasing
 8 tens of thousands of gallons of oil into the unique ecological setting of Santa
 9 Barbara County.

10 310. Plaintiffs and the Class suffered harm and injury to their economic
 11 livelihood, which they did not consent to and which is different from the type of
 12 harm suffered by the general public.

13 311. The above acts and omissions also created a public nuisance *vis-à-vis*
 14 the Plaintiffs and the Class, interfering with the property rights of Plaintiffs and the
 15 Class, and rights incidental to those property rights.

16 312. The acts and omissions of Defendants described herein were also in
 17 violation of various California state laws including but not limited to the Lempert-
 18 Keene Act, Government Code Section 8670, *et seq.*, the Porter-Cologne Act, Water
 19 Code Sections 13000, *et seq.*, and Cal. Fish & Game Code Section 5650, *et seq.*,
 20 and local laws including Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 25, §§ 25-7(g) and
 21 25-37.

22 313. Defendants' violations of those statutes directly and proximately
 23 caused, and will cause, injury to the Plaintiffs and the Class of a type which the
 24 statutes are intended to prevent. Plaintiffs and the Class are of the class of persons
 25 for whose protection these statutes were enacted.

26 314. As a direct and legal cause of Defendants' wrongful acts and/or
 27 omissions herein above set forth, Plaintiffs and the Class have suffered and will
 28 suffer economic harm, injury, and losses.

1 315. To remedy the harm caused by Defendants' nuisance, Plaintiffs will
2 seek public injunctive relief, including, but not limited to, an order requiring
3 Defendants to do the following: restore fisheries impacted by the spill; repair
4 reputational damage done to Santa Barbara's seafood industry; restore the area real
5 properties and beaches impacted by the spill; repair short and long term damages to
6 coastal properties; repair reputational damage done to coastal property values; and
7 prevent Defendants from operating the Pipeline without adequate safety
8 mechanisms and ongoing monitoring, to ensure that no future spill occurs.

9 316. In maintaining the nuisance, which is ongoing, Defendants are acting
10 with full knowledge of the consequences and damage being caused, and the acts
11 and omissions of Defendants, were done with malice, fraud, and/or oppression as
12 described in this Complaint.

Sixth Claim for Relief
Negligent Interference With Prospective Economic Advantage

15 317. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every prior and
16 subsequent allegation of this Complaint as if fully restated here.

17 318. Plaintiffs and the Class have existing or prospective economic
18 relationships with citizens of Santa Barbara County, visitors to Santa Barbara
19 County, and other individuals and organizations doing business in and related to
20 Santa Barbara County.

319. These relationships have a reasonably probable likelihood of resulting
in future economic benefits or advantages to Plaintiffs and the Class.

320. Defendants knew or should have known of these existing and
prospective economic relationships.

321. Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiffs and the Class to avoid negligent
or reckless conduct that would interfere with and adversely affect the existing and
prospective economic relationships of Plaintiffs and the Class.

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322. Defendants breached that duty to Plaintiffs and the Class by, among other things, failing to install and/or maintain reasonable safety equipment to prevent such a spill, failing properly to maintain the pipeline in a safe condition, and failing to promptly respond to and contain the spill.

5 323. Defendants knew or should have known that, if they failed to act with
6 reasonable care, the existing and prospective economic relationships of Plaintiffs
7 and the Class would be interfered with and disrupted.

8 324. Defendants were negligent and failed to act with reasonable care as
9 herein set forth above.

325. Defendants engaged in wrongful acts and/or omissions as herein set forth above, including but not limited to their violations of federal, state, and local laws that require Defendants to operate the Pipeline in a manner that does not damage public health and safety.

14 326. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants wrongful acts and/or
15 omissions, Defendants negligently and recklessly interfered with and disrupted the
16 existing and prospective economic relationships of Plaintiffs and the Class.

17 327. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful acts and/or
18 omissions, Plaintiffs and the Class have suffered and will suffer economic harm,
19 injury, and losses as herein set forth above.

Seventh Claim for Relief
Trespass

22 328. Plaintiffs who have a real property interest in water front property
23 bring this on behalf of themselves and all other similarly situated land owners or
24 lessees. They incorporate by reference each and every prior and subsequent
25 allegation of this Complaint as if fully restated here.

26 329. Defendants discharged a polluting matter beyond the boundary of
27 Plaintiffs' and Class Members' real property in such a manner that, it was

1 reasonably foreseeable that the pollutant would, in due course, invade Plaintiffs'
2 and Class Members' real property and cause harm.

3 330. By discharging polluting matter, Defendants entered, invaded, and
4 intruded on the real properties of Plaintiffs and the Class Members without
5 privilege, permission, invitation, or justification.

6 331. Defendants had a duty to use reasonable care not to enter, intrude on,
7 or invade Plaintiffs' and Class Members' real properties. Defendants also owed a
8 duty to Plaintiffs and members of the Class to exercise reasonable care in the
9 manufacture, maintenance, and operation of the Pipeline.

10 332. Defendants had a heightened duty of care to Plaintiffs and the Class
11 because of the great danger associated with transporting oil so near to pristine
12 coastal residential areas and nearby real properties along the Central Coast.

13 333. Defendants breached the duty they owed to Plaintiffs and members of
14 the Class when they failed to exercise reasonable care in the manufacture,
15 maintenance, and operation of the Pipeline, which conduct resulted in entry,
16 intrusion, or invasion on Plaintiffs' and Class Members' real properties.

17 334. Defendants knew or should have known that their conduct would
18 foreseeably result in a disastrous oil spill, causing damage to the real properties and
19 economic interests of persons in the area affected by the spill.

20 335. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' trespass, Plaintiffs
21 and Class Members have suffered legal injury and damages, in an amount to be
22 proven at trial, including, but not limited to, property damage, diminution of value
23 of real estate, loss of income and other economic loss.

24 336. Defendants' wanton or reckless conduct, as described herein, entitles
25 Plaintiffs and Class Members to punitive damages.

Eighth Claim for Relief
Continuing Private Nuisance

28 | 337. Plaintiffs who have a real property interest in water front property

1 bring this claim on behalf of themselves and all other similarly situated land owners
 2 or lessees. They incorporate by reference each and every prior and subsequent
 3 allegation of this Complaint as if fully restated here.

4 338. Defendants' actions and inactions caused, maintained, and/or
 5 permitted the contamination alleged in this action by its negligence, intentional or
 6 otherwise, actionable acts, and/or omissions.

7 339. Defendants created the contamination at issue, which is harmful to
 8 both human health and the environment and interferes with Plaintiff's comfortable
 9 use and enjoyment of the real property in which she has a possessory interest.

10 340. Defendants were, at all relevant times, in sufficient control of the
 11 Pipeline to have known of the threatened release of oil and associated hydrocarbons
 12 and to have prevented the resulting contamination. Defendants knew or should
 13 have known that their operation of the failed pipeline would have, and did, cause
 14 the contamination described herein.

15 341. Despite knowledge and forewarning, Defendants failed to take
 16 reasonable steps to prevent the failure which resulted in the contamination at issue.

17 342. Defendants failed to take reasonable steps to abate the contamination
 18 at issue, which continues to spread to previously uncontaminated areas. The
 19 contamination is, however, abatable, and, therefore, it is continuing in nature. This
 20 also confirms that Defendants have knowingly maintained the nuisance, i.e. the
 21 contamination at issue.

22 343. Plaintiffs did not consent to the ongoing damage to the use and
 23 enjoyment of her property as a result of Defendants' actions and inactions.

24 344. After having a reasonable opportunity to do so, Defendants failed to
 25 take reasonable measures to properly abate the contamination described herein.

26 345. As a direct and proximate cause, Defendants' acts and omissions have
 27 caused substantial actual damage and immediate and ongoing diminution of the
 28 value of Plaintiffs' real property and the property of the Class.

346. As a result, Plaintiffs have and will continue to suffer damages, both economic and otherwise.

347. The contamination described herein constitutes a nuisance within the meaning of Section 3479 of California Civil Code.

348. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that the contamination is continuing and abatable.

349. As a proximate result of the nuisance, Plaintiffs have and will continue to suffer damages.

Ninth Claim for Relief
Nuisance Per Se

350. Plaintiffs who have a real property interest in water front property bring this claim on behalf of themselves and all other similarly situated land owners or lessees. They incorporate by reference each and every prior and subsequent allegation of this Complaint as if fully restated here.

351. The contamination constitutes a continuing nuisance within the meaning of Section 3479 of California Civil Code, and Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 25, §§ 25-7(g) and 25-37.

352. Plaintiffs are in the class of persons protected under these statutes from Defendants and their violations thereof due to the fact that Defendants have, at all times relevant, owned, operated, maintained, supervised and/or controlled the Pipeline.

353. Defendants violated California Civil Code section 3479 and Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 25, §§ 25-7(g) and 25-37 by their failure to properly abate the contamination, and by allowing contamination to continue to spread.

354. As a proximate result of the nuisance per se, Plaintiffs have and will continue to suffer damages.

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Tenth Claim for Relief **Permanent Injunction**

355. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every prior and subsequent allegation of this Complaint as if fully restated here.

356. Beginning on or about May 19, 2015, and continuing to the present time, Defendants, and each of them, wrongfully and unlawfully caused oil to spill onto surrounding areas, into the Pacific Ocean, and onto coastal real properties. Defendants' conduct also caused local workers and businesses to lose work and impaired their ability to earn a livelihood indefinitely.

357. In the absence of an injunction, Defendants will continue to violate the rights of Plaintiff and the Class. Defendants, and each of them, have refused and still refuse to refrain from their wrongful conduct.

358. Defendants' wrongful conduct, unless and until enjoined and restrained by order of this court, will cause great and irreparable injury to Plaintiff and the Class.

359. Plaintiff and the Class have no adequate remedy at law for the injuries that will result from failure of the Defendants to safely replace and/or repair, operate, and maintain their pipeline and it could be impossible for Plaintiff and the Class to determine the precise amount of damages they will suffer if Defendants' conduct is not restrained and Plaintiff is forced to institute a multiplicity of suits to obtain adequate compensation for injuries and harm to the Class.

IX. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, request judgment against Defendants as follows:

A. For an order certifying the Class and appointing Plaintiffs as representatives of the Class and appointing the lawyers and law firms representing Plaintiffs as counsel for the Class;

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B. For an order permanently enjoining Defendants from operating a pipeline in Santa Barbara County without adequate safety and response measures and ongoing monitoring;

C. For all recoverable compensatory, statutory, and other damages sustained by Plaintiffs and the Class, including all relief allowed under applicable laws;

D. For costs;

E. For both pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on any amounts awarded;

F. For appropriate injunctive relief, including public injunctive relief; *i.e.*, an order requiring Defendants to do the following: restore fisheries impacted by the spill; repair reputational damage done to Santa Barbara's seafood industry; require Defendants to restore property values impacted by the spill; repair reputational damage done to oceanfront and beachfront real property along California's Central Coast; and an order requiring Defendants to operate the Pipeline in such a way to ensure no further spills and resulting losses of jobs;

G. For treble damages insofar as they are allowed by applicable laws;

H. For appropriate individual relief as requested above;

I. For payment of attorneys' fees and expert fees as may be allowable under applicable law, including Cal. Gov. Code section 8670.56.5(f) the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA"), Cal. Lab. Code. § 2698, et seq.:

J. For exemplary or punitive damages under Cal. Civ. Code Section 3294 for the oppression, fraud, and malice alleged above; and

K. For such other and further relief, including declaratory relief, as the Court may deem just and proper.

X. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, A. Barry Cappello, hereby certify that on April 6, 2016, I electronically filed **PLAINTIFFS' CORRECTED CONSOLIDATED SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT** with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Central District of California using the CM/ECF system, which shall send electronic notification to all counsel of record.

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